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January 28, 1965

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Pomona, California 91767

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of January 23rd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, this Bureau does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type. Further, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why this Bureau has not "cleared" the John Birch Society and it is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to it. You may be interested in knowing, however, that the FBI has not investigated this group.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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4-61 LEB Introduction
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Our Heritage of Greatness
Let's Fight Communism Sanely

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Pomona, Calif. 91767

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Director F.B.I.
Washington DC

Dear Sir

A rabid bircher here claims that the J Birch Society was cleared by the F.B.I. and Congress as a patriotic organization.

Please let me know if this is true and oblege

Cordially yours

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January 29, 1965

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Columbia, South Carolina 29205

CHAPTER LETTER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

PLEASE [illegible]

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of January 22nd has been received and you may be assured it will be made a matter of record in the files of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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January 22, 1965
Columbia, S. C.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am a Chapter Leader of The John Birch Society. In order to more accurately assess and attempt to combat the propaganda and current party line of the Communists, I am planning to subscribe to their mouthpiece, "The Worker".

This letter is for your information in the event that there is any question as to the reason for the subscription.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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cc: Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Columbia, S. C.

Postmaster
Columbia, S. C.

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COLUMBIA SC 29205

CORRESPONDENCE

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62-104401-2421

February 2, 1965

[redacted]

North Hampton, New Hampshire

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Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of January 29th and want to thank you for your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit," and for your expression of confidence in me. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

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With respect to the John Birch Society, we do not have any material available for distribution on this organization and it is not possible for me, as a matter of policy, to furnish you data along the lines you desire. In this regard, I want to point out that the FBI, being strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. You may be assured, however, the FBI has not investigated this group.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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4-1-61 LEB Introduction
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
"Our Heritage of Greatness"

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POMONA, CALIF. 91767

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Washington DC

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February 8, 1965

[redacted]

Graham, Texas

Dear [redacted]

Your letter to the President was referred to this Bureau on February 3rd, and it was indeed thoughtful of you to bring this matter to the attention of the Federal Government.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Dallas - Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The enclosed literature was noted to bear the address of American Opinion, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, which is well known in Bufiles for the affiliated libraries in connection with the activities of the John Birch Society.

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January 29, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

First of all, let me say how much I admire and respect you. I've read your book, "Masters of Deceit", and recommend it to all Patriotic Americans.

In this day and age of the "liberal press" so as to speak, I don't know what to believe and what not to believe as the printed word. I feel that a great many of our leading representatives of the "4th. Estate", would rather be "on the winning side", than stand by their less-popular, truthful, inner-most convictions, I know they must really feel way down deep inside.

Much has been written about the John Birch Society, discrediting it, enough so that I don't know what to believe about it. I recall in your book, above mentioned, that you said that Communism just thrives on "causes". The John Birch Society, as attractive as it sounds and as Conservative at it espouses to be, still causes me to wonder if it is infiltrated with any so-called "front organizations", communistic or otherwise. In other words, I might very well be influenced to join the John Birch Society, but rather than innocently get "caught up" in something which is subversive, or any way, shape or manner undesirable, I thought that I would inquire of the only person I truly believe, namely you, if there was anything truly to be "uncovered" about the John Birch Society? To read the "liberal", "great society" presses accounts of the John Birch Society, it would scare you. But, I don't believe all that I read, so that is why I am asking you.

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I consider myself a Patriotic American, who is Conservative, who believes in living up to the Constitution of the United States. Thank you for your wise counsel.

Very truly yours,

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62-104401-2423

February 8, 1965

[redacted]
Bayville, New York 11709

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of January 30th has been received, and I want to thank you for your complimentary comments concerning my work.

With respect to your inquiry regarding the John Birch Society, the FBI being strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of the foregoing, I trust you will understand why I cannot comment as you suggested.

On page 97 in my book, "Masters of Deceit," to which you may wish to refer, I state that communism is the very opposite of liberalism. Liberalism means increased rights for the citizen; a curb on the powers of the central government; freedom of speech, religion, and the press. Communism means fewer and fewer rights for the private citizen and the absolute reverse of the American tradition. I also state that the liberals do not want revolution but social changes and that is why the communists detest them. This book and my latest book, "A Study of Communism," may be available in your local library. These were written to help Americans gain an insight into communist strategy and tactics both in this country and abroad.

I am enclosing some material which I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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[redacted]
Bayville, New York 11709
Jan. 30, 1965

Dear Sir -

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I am a loyal American citizen, but just being a loyal citizen is not enough these days.

I realize we are losing the war against communism throughout the world and in this country. There are many mysterious things happening in our government and country which I don't fully understand. Men who are in high positions in government don't seem to be projecting themselves to the best interests of our country.

There is a society called "The John Birch Society" which appears to be rallying around the flag, could you give me some information on this organization? Do you feel it is a good and loyal to America, for with all the subversive organizations and literature one is exposed to these days I must be sure. They claim it is too far right, this I don't know but I am not to the left so would this make me by thier (liberal & cummunist) standards to the right? If it does it makes me nothing more than a loyal American and then I don't understand it for they seem to make you ashamed to be loyal to your country. I would also like your opinion on the difference between liberalism and communism in this country.

If you could help me in these matters and instruct me on communism and how to learn more about them, who and how they operate, as an American I will be eternally grateful to you. I am willing and have the time and patience to learn to help keep this country free. I look up to you with all respect as the keeper of this country and a great American.

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Sincerely --

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Bayville, New York 11709
Jan. 30, 1965

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Sincerely —

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62-104401-2424

February 10, 1965

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Munford, Alabama

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 3rd has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this I am sure you will understand why I cannot furnish data on the John Birch Society. I am, however, enclosing some material on the general subject of communism I hope you will find of interest.

For your information, I have written two books on communism entitled "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. If they are not available in your school or local library, they can be obtained from the publisher, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism--The Incredible Swindle
Why Reds Make friends with Businessmen
"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"
Young People Can Help Defeat Communism
What Young People Should Know about Communism

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Munford, Alabama

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am a [redacted] in high school and I am having to make a report in my democracy class. My report is on the John Birch Society and how active communism is in America or the Communist influence in the United States. If possible, I would like for you to send me some information of any kind on these subjects.

My teacher told me that you have written a book on Communism. I haven't been able to find this book, but if you will tell me where I can purchase this book, I will do so. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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Munford, Alabama

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Sincerely,

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ST-108

February 8, 1965

Honorable Arthur C. Perry
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Perry:

I received your communication of February 3rd enclosing a letter and circular from [redacted] of [redacted] Graham, Texas.

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to [redacted] along with the original correspondence. As you may know, American Opinion is affiliated with the John Birch Society and similar material has been brought to our attention previously.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: For the purpose of this reply the matters and individuals mentioned in the enclosed circular were not checked through Bureau files as they are readily recognized in connection with the activities of the John Birch Society.

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4-572 (Rev. 7-18-63)
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MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 2-5-65

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Original filed in: 66-1131

Pages 1981-1982. Senator Young, (D) Ohio, spoke concerning rightwing extremism. He states "It is my conviction that the John Birch Society, so called, with its secret cells and false propaganda, is the most dangerous organization in America. If the Communist leaders had hired helpers in their announced task of burying us, of creating disunity, distrust, and undermining our institutions from within, they could not have chosen a better vehicle than the Birchites or Birch saps, or sons of Birches, as the distinguished minority whip (Mr. Kuchel) terms them, and their fellow traveling radical crackbrain followers. Among these is a particularly scur. group termed 'The Minutemen.' - - - The demagogs of the lunatic fringe extre right sell their followers the diagnosis that internal communism is the disease that causes all ills and then prescribe local vigilante action as the cure. - - - We cannot disregard them for their purposes are at odds with our Nation's freedom. In my judgment, officials of the Department of Justice should take action against the Minutemen, so called."

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 2-8-65 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/12/65

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-45661)

REC 61

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY;
INFO CONCERNING

Enclosed for the Bureau are two Xerox copies of the following items:

1. Blank petition to Mayor TATE and City Council to abolish the Police Advisory Board.

2. Throwaway entitled "Support Your Local Police," which asks for contributions to aid the committee.

3. Throwaway entitled "What To Do" to help the Philadelphia Committee to Support Your Local Police.

4. Letter, dated 12/1964, from Philadelphia Committee to Support Your Local Police, signed PAUL CORBETT, urging support of Philadelphia Police Department.

These items were received 1/28/65 in the Philadelphia Office by mail.

Philadelphia indices contain no identifiable information with the following-listed officers of the Philadelphia Committee to Support Your Local Police, Box 11602, Philadelphia, Pa.:

ROBERT CONTINO, Treasurer

Executive Board Members:

A. J. APP, Ph.D.

MICHAEL F. CONNORS

JOSEPH A. DALY, M.D.

PAUL KAISER

62-104401-2426

FEB 15 1965

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H. A. (CAPPY) THOMSON } Executive Board Members of
ARDEN S. TURNER, M. D. }

Paul PAUL D. CORBETT, Chairman of the Committee, is known to the Philadelphia Office as an active member in promoting the causes of the John Birch Society.

The enclosures are submitted for the information of the Bureau.

Philadelphia Committee to Support Your Local Police Pa.

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU FROM PHILADELPHIA

RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY;

INFO CONCERNING

CONTENTS: 2 Xerox cys each of blank petition, 2 throwaways and 1 letter, all relating to Committee to Support Your Local Police.

FILE # 100-45661

PH let to Bureau dated 2/12/65

ENCLOSURE

62-104401-2426

The Police Advisory Board is subject to known pro-Communist influence.

The American Civil Liberties Union is represented at hearings conducted by the Board and volunteers legal counsel for Complainants.

The Chairman of the *Police Advisory Board, Clarence E. Pickett,* [illegible] *Honorary Chairman* and principal recipient of funds for [illegible] *To Abolish The House Un-American Activities Committee.* His history includes some 22 Communist-front affiliations. ("Report on Red China?": [illegible] Leaders, Inc., [illegible] Government Plus, Cincinnati, Ohio, pp. 16-17)

> *" The completion of* Communist global conquest *has been* predicated *on the* fall of America WITHOUT A SHOOTING WAR by PARALYSIS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT and the AMERICAN WILL TO RESIST." *(Suppressed Report": Hearings on S 2646, Feb.-Mar. 1958, American Opinion, Belmont, Mass.)*

If we are to preserve individual dignity, maintain law and order and secure the function of American Government, the Police Advisory Board of the City of Philadelphia *must be abolished.*

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE

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Support Your Local Police

PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE

BOX 11602, PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19116

Membership $1.00

PAUL D. CORBETT, Chairman

EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. J. App, Ph. D	Michael F. Connors
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H.A. (Cappy) Thomson	Arden S. Turner, M.D.

ASK A POLICEMAN!

ABOLISH

THE PHILADELPHIA POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

A THREAT TO LAW AND ORDER AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

> *"Through judicial misinterpretations, through bureaucratic power to legislate (in the* RIGHT OF BUREAUS *to issue such rules and regulations as they see fit),* OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN OVERTHROWN. *It is no longer a Republic. It is not even a Democracy because public opinion is largely managed." ... (Martin Dies: - "America, How It Is Being Communized." - American Op., July-Aug., 1964)*

The Police Advisory Board undermines local law enforcement and promotes chaos *by usurping delegated responsibility and authority.*

> *J. EDGAR HOOVER:* "Where there is *an outside civilian Review board* the ***restraint*** of the police was so great that effective action appeared to be impossible. Restraint was ***well-known*** in the community, and rioters were ***emboldened*** to resist and completely defy efforts of police. Policemen were so ***careful*** to avoid accusations of improper conduct they were virtually ***paralyzed.***" (***Report*** on ***The Riots,*** Justice Dept., Wash., p 8.)

The Police Advisory Board demoralizes individual policemen and places the rights and safety of the entire community in jeopardy. In the summer riots it ***became*** the policeman's ***job to violate*** *the right to private property.*

> *JOHN HARRINGTON:* (President, Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police) has demanded the abolition of the Police Advisory Board on the grounds that it weakens ***morale*** and effective police action!

The Police Advisory Board facilitates the on-going Communization of America:

1. It leads in the direction of a National Police Force by withholding support for honest, efficient action within the local agency.

2. It paralyzes local anti-subversive efforts.

3. It encourages dissension and disorder and provides ***opportunity*** for Communist leadership to work.

> *J. EDGAR HOOVER:* "Members (of the Communist Party USA) were observed taking part in some riots and its former members were leaders of groups which ***capitalized*** on the riots and tried to continue them." (***Report,*** p. 6.)

> *"Law enforcement has long been a target of Communist attack. In the Indian State of Kerala,* AFTER A PRO-COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT CAME INTO CONTROL, *people's committees began to usurp functions of law courts. State police were handcuffed by orders to stand on the sidelines." (Hoover: Master of Deceit. Giant Cardinal, - N.Y., 1958, p. 198)*

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for your file

Philadelphia Committee To Support Your Local Police

BOX 11602, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19146

PAUL P. CORBETT, Chairman

Robert Collins, Treasurer

EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. J. Ahl, Ph.D.
Warren F. Cuming
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Paul Keiser
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Arthur E. Turner, M.D.

Right now is the time for everyone interested in maintaining law and order and a high morale within our local police departments to focus their effort on the abolition of the Philadelphia Police Advisory Board. The Philadelphia Administration has met our initial effort with an attempt to harass policemen who are members of the John Birch Society, an organization of dedicated anti-Communists. We urge all members to 'support' these men--even The Philadelphia Inquirer admits their "impeccable records."

WHAT TO DO to abolish the Police Advisory Board is enclosed. The first several items apply both to (1) protesting the Advisory Board and (2) supporting policemen as John Birch Society members. These two objectives, however, should be kept separate and distinct. Nevertheless, paralysis of anti-Communist activity is as much the strategy of Communism as is undermining local judicial processes. For your information, therefore, we suggest the following pamphlets, available at your American Opinion Book Store, 6343 Rising Sun Ave., Phila. (25¢ each): The New Drive Against The Anti-Communist Program, U. S. Gov. Printing: 1961; and The Communist Attack On The John Birch Society: Skousen, 1963.

Let every policeman you meet know that you are behind him in his right to belong to any legitimate society--patriotic or otherwise. Be sure to congratulate all elements of news media that come out in support of these policemen. A letter of support to John Harrington, President, Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police, is also in order.

This program constitutes enormous effort, but the impact in the Philadelphia area will be terrific. Thanks to your initial support, we now have the dedicated members--in number--to carry this program to a successful conclusion IF each member accepts a responsibility in membership and decides to put forth the MAXIMUM.

The Committee is currently $50 in debt (excluding this mailing). All contributions will be graciously accepted. Records of income and expenses are available to members.

If, as it has been said, each generation must earn its own freedom, certainly, the time for this generation is now!

Sincerely,

Paul Corbett

12/1964

A Petition to Mayor Tate and City Council To Abolish The Police Advisory Board

Philadelphia Committee To Support Your Local Police

P.O. Box 11602 Philadelphia, Pa. 11916

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WHEREAS J. Edgar Hoover has blamed the lack of law enforcement in the recent riots partially on the existence of The Police Advisory Board, and

WHEREAS John Harrington, President of The Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police has demanded the abolition of The Police Advisory Board, now

THEREFORE We, the undersigned Citizens of the City of Philadelphia demand the immediate and complete abolition of The Philadelphia Police Advisory Board.

Signature	Street Address	Zip

WHAT TO DO

PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE
BOX 11302, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, 19[illegible]

☆ THE FACTS — READ and REFER TO Why The Philadelphia Police Advisory Board Should Be Abolished (enclosed) and J. Edgar Hoover's Report on The Riots, available upon request from Justice Department, Wash. 20535.

☆ PROTEST — Request your COMMITTEEMEN (both parties) to CALL AT YOUR HOME. Arrange to VISIT your Ward Leader, Councilman*, and State representative. NOTE: In the LIST* below, office number (City Hall) precedes each name; respective Wards follow each name. CALL the Free Library, Public Documents Section, for name and address of your State representative.

☆ LETTERS — TO your Ward Leader, District Councilman, State representative. To ORGANIZATIONS representing various interests (labor, civic, fraternal, veterans, etc.). To-THE-EDITORS of City and local newspapers. To radio and television PROGRAMS habitually presenting the police as RIDICULOUS or BRUTAL. To MISINFORMED COMMENTATORS, PANELISTS, etc. NOTE: Include notice of your letters to organizations in Letters-To-The-Editors.

☆ SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS — Object is to have Introduced and Passed A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT to be followed by A LETTER-SO-INFORMING the Mayor, City Council, the Fraternal Order of Police, our Committee, and the newspapers. NOTE: You may cover meetings of organizations to which you belong, or of those organizations to which you can secure an invitation PROVIDED THE PRESS WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED. An OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN must cover meetings attended by the PRESS.

☆ LOCAL STORES — Enlist their cooperation in making PETITIONS available for signatures from CUSTOMERS. Furnish adequate LITERATURE. Volunteer to MEET with their respective associations (unless they themselves will obtain a Resolution of Support). Suggest a DONATION in support of the Committee.

☆ "OPEN-LINE" RADIO — An easy way to reach a wide audience! LISTEN regularly for the next several weeks. At an opportune moment, PHONE station to INFORM the listening public that the Police Advisory Board SHOULD BE ABOLISHED ALL, in particular, on the pro-Communist (NOT COMMUNIST) background of CLARENCE PICKETT. (For example, Ed Harvey show, Red Benson show, etc.)

☆ CHURCH GROUPS — This takes AT LEAST 4 people, available SUNDAY MORNINGS, to work in the vicinity of churches. NOTE: CALL Paul Corbett, FI 2-1998, for ASSIGNMENT of a church not already covered, to ARRANGE for TABLES, PETITIONS, etc.

☆ NEIGHBORHOOD CANVASS — WITH petitions! An excellent SOURCE of new MEMBERS, SIGNATURES, spotting PETITIONS in places of EMPLOYMENT, AND VOLUNTEER HELP--IF you give enough TIME and ATTENTION to each household! Of FIRST IMPORTANCE is the IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE (Abolition of the Police Advisory Board); however, in this case, FOLLOW THROUGH on any opportunity to RELATE Support for Local Law Enforcement to Anti-Communist and Americanist activity. ANTICIPATE a subsequent visit with pertinent LITERATURE.

☆ SUB-COMMITTEES — AT LEAST 6 people. Insure success for your own efforts by SUB-LETTING parts of the job to others. NOTE: Send Letters, etc. in the name of the group (e.g., Tacony Committee to Abolish the Police Advisory Board).

☆ DONATIONS — INDISPENSABLE SUPPORT! In any amount! In the light of our competition, even TO TELL THE TRUTH is costly!

Paul D. Corbett, Chairman
12/1964

*484	Emanuel Weinberg (D) 26, 36, 39, 48th Wards
408	Gaetano P. Giordano (D) [illegible], 16-20, [illegible]th
486	Harry Norwitz (D) 27, [illegible] 51, 60th
436	George M. [illegible] (D) [illegible] 44, [illegible]
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[illegible]	Edward F. [illegible] (R) [illegible] 29, 29, [illegible], 58th
413-5	Joseph J. [illegible] (D) 58, 37, 58, [illegible]
[illegible]7	[illegible] (D) 21, 22, 49, 59th
	Harry P. Corr (D) 35, 42, 50, 53rd
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February 10, 1965

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[redacted]
Alton, Illinois

Dear [redacted]

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Mr. Hoover received your letter of February 4th, with enclosure, and asked me to thank you for bringing your views to his attention.

With respect to your inquiry, Mr. Hoover explained that Assistant Director William C. Sullivan spoke extemporaneously before the group mentioned in the article you forwarded and therefore, he is not in a position to furnish you a copy of Mr. Sullivan's remarks.

Sincerely yours,

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Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The issues she poses about quoting Assistant Director Sullivan involve the delicate balance between legitimate right-wing organizations and the fanatical right, along with, of course, the threat of the communist menace. To attempt to refute or explain in detail the proposition as served up by her letter and the quote attributed to Mr. Sullivan would be too complex for a reply to the correspondent, an admitted member of the John Birch Society. Therefore, the above answer is deemed appropriate.

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February 4, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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First, may I say I am a member of the John Birch Society. I have become more and more concerned with the number and quality of people who have become staunch critics through such articles as I am enclosing, or should I say through the distortions which appear in such articles.

I realize many people make statements that are distorted in all sincerety, but I do feel even those sincere critics must, on occasion and where possiblebe held responsible. For instance, Mrs. Jennelle Moorhead, who, in the article states instructions were issued to Society members to infiltrate the PTA. In a previous article she states these instructions were in a late 1960 American Opinion magazine. As you probably already know sir, American Opinion is a conservative magazine published by Robert Welch, Inc. with many contributing authors who are not connected with the Society. This magazine is available on newstands etc., and is not used to "instruct" Society members. The only John Birch Society manual is the Monthly Bulletin of the John Birch Society, mailed to ALL members, or anyone (friend or foe) who wishes to subscribe to it. Therefore, Mrs. Moorhead's entire concern is based on a falsehood to begin with. I do not know if she is aware of this or not, but I shall do my best to contact her and set the matter straight.

But there is something in the article which concerns me more. This is the marked paragraph quoting FBI Director William C. Sullivan. There are actually only a few words in quotes: "generally more sophisticated and subtle than those on the right", but as you can see by the adept use of words it leaves the impression that Mr. Sullivan concurs with statements of the conference. I have read Mr. Sullivan's "Do's and Don'ts for Anti-Communists" in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and was in total agreement with his advise and logic, therefore I feel very strongly that his quote was used to distort the article.

Is it at all possible to obtain either a copy of Mr. Sullivan's talk, or at least the paragraph from which this quote was taken? This reminds me of a recent textbook "Problems in Democray" by Dinwiddie and Kidger, published by Ginn which States: "J. Edgar Hoover says that Communism is buidling it's influence with the young people and on campuses. However, evidence, shows that the numbers and influencefof the Communist Party is waning." I am sure this leaves the student in a quandry since no evidence is given to show why a great man like yourself should be refuted on such a statement.

Sincerely,

[redacted] Alton, Ill.

1 Enclosure

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TODAY'S SCHOOLS

Extremists Step Up Attacks On Nation's Schools, PTA Units

By ERWIN KNOLL
Globe Democrat National Service

WASHINGTON — Right-wing extremists are stepping up their attacks on the nation's schools and their attempts to infiltrate and disrupt Parent-Teacher Associations and other civic groups.

That was the consensus among representatives of some 70 educational and civic organizations who met in Washington a few days ago under auspices of the National Education Association (NEA) to discuss "Extremism on the American scene."

GROUP TOLD

Conference participants told of recent instances involving:

Students who bring tape recorders to class to monitor lessons so that adults can determine whether teachers are "100 per cent Americans."

Harrassment of teachers or school officials by middle-of-the night telephone calls, threatening letters or vandalism.

Local vigilante committees which screen textbooks, counting the lines devoted to Woodrow Wilson and Warren Harding to determine whether books are "prejudiced."

The radical left also retains its interest in influencing and infiltrating American education, assistant FBI Director William C. Sullivan told the conference, but leftist efforts are "generally more sophisticated and subtle than those of the right."

Except for leftist participation in college campus "revolts," the visible political pressure on the schools seems to come entirely from the far right, educators reported.

LAST FALL

Paraphrasing a statement that figured prominently in the national presidential campaign last fall, NEA president-elect Richard Batchelder, a high school teacher in Newtonville, Mass., declared:

"Extremism in the attack on education is no virtue—it puts teaching in a vise."

Harrassment of teachers by local vigilant groups can create "silent, subtle subversion of academic freedom," Batchelder said: "There are too many places where teachers try to teach with one eye on the classroom and the other on the marketplace to be sure that what is taught is popular," he added.

"Too many teachers would rather be safe than sorry."

Mrs. Jennelle Moorhead, president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, charged that the John Birch Society and other right-wing groups have subjected local PTA organizations to "growing disruptive actics."

TAKE OVER PTA

PTA chapters have come under attack in 35 states, she said, and 100 units — most of them in the West and Southwest—have withdrawn from the national organization after infiltration by right-wing elements. In some instances, she said, membership rosters have been forged to bring about withdrawal actions.

She attributed these incidents to instructions issued by the John Birch Society to its members: "Join your local PTA at the beginning of the school year, get your conservative friends to do likewise, and go to work to take it over . . . when you and your friends get the local PTA group straightened out, move up the ladder as soon as you can to assert a wider influence."

"Totalitarian personalities and groups cannot tolerate differences of opinion or Democratic ways of resolving conflicts — whether the differences concern mental health or fluoridation or the United Nations," Mrs. Moorhead said.

"They seek to impose their minority views on the majority by calling it disloyal to express disagreement with them. No tactic could be more subversive of the Democratic process."

Extremist harrassment of the schools succeeds where there is public apathy or a lack of information about the local education system the educators stressed.

Barnard Joy, a former officer of the National School Boards Association, warned that "failure to provide a full accounting for school expenses may encourage citizens to join far-right coalitions."

Frustrations and misunderstandings about the instruction program also help build a climate of opinion that can be exploited by extremist groups.

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February 17, 1965

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[redacted]
Farmland, Indiana

Dear [redacted]

I received your attractive birthday card and letter of February 10th and want to thank you for your kind wishes for my health and birthday greetings. For your information, it is my desire to remain in my present capacity as long as I may be of service to our Nation.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the John Birch Society. You may be assured, however, that the FBI has not investigated this group.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

Our Heritage of Greatness
4/1/61 LEB Introduction
Internal Security Statement, 4/17/62
Let's Fight Communism Sanely.
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Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

February 10, 1965

Mr. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I know this is a belated birthday wish, but it is sincerely meant.

There are 12 adults in our family and 13 grand children. All of us are in agreement with you one hundred percent.

We hate to see the day when it will be necessary for you to retire.

I have one question I would like answered, if possible. I am not a member of the John Birch Society, however, I have read and agreed with a lot of their publications.

They are such a controversial organization, I would like your opinion of it. Is this just propaganda against this organization or is there a basis for the unfavorable publicity it receives?

May we wish you many more happy birthdays and the best of health.

Yours truly,

[redacted]
Farmland,
Indiana.

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She is [redacted]
being addressed as Mrs.
because of her referral to
grandchildren in 2nd #

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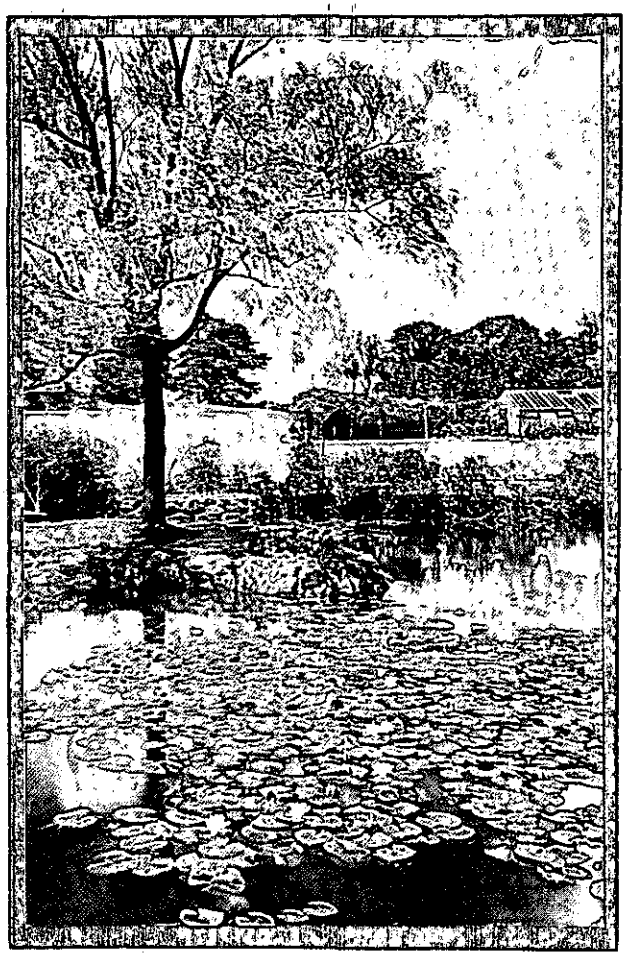

Hope your birthday
turns out perfect
From the start until
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For only one that's
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Would be good enough
for you!

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[redacted]
Stratford, Connecticut 06497

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 15th, with enclosures, has been received.

While I certainly would like to be of service to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested.

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Enclosures (5)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Our Heritage of Greatness
U.S. News & World Report - 12-7-64
U.S. News & World Report - 12-21-64
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

NOTE: No derogatory information appears in Bufiles concerning [redacted]

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ONE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Stratford Conn
Feb 15, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington DC

Att. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:

No doubt you have seen samples of this kind of literature before. It raises a question by me. Since some members of our churches are connected with the John Birch Society which is distributing these and other inflammable material

1. What importance does your Bureau give to these pictures as to Dr. King's association, past or present, with Communist organizations

2. What do you know about Bayard Rustin? Is he connected in any way with Dr King's program. Is he affiliated with the Communist Party.

3. Do you of the Citizens Anti-Communist Committee of Conn. in Bridgeport, Conn

Thank you

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THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
GATHERED 1639
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE 378-2644

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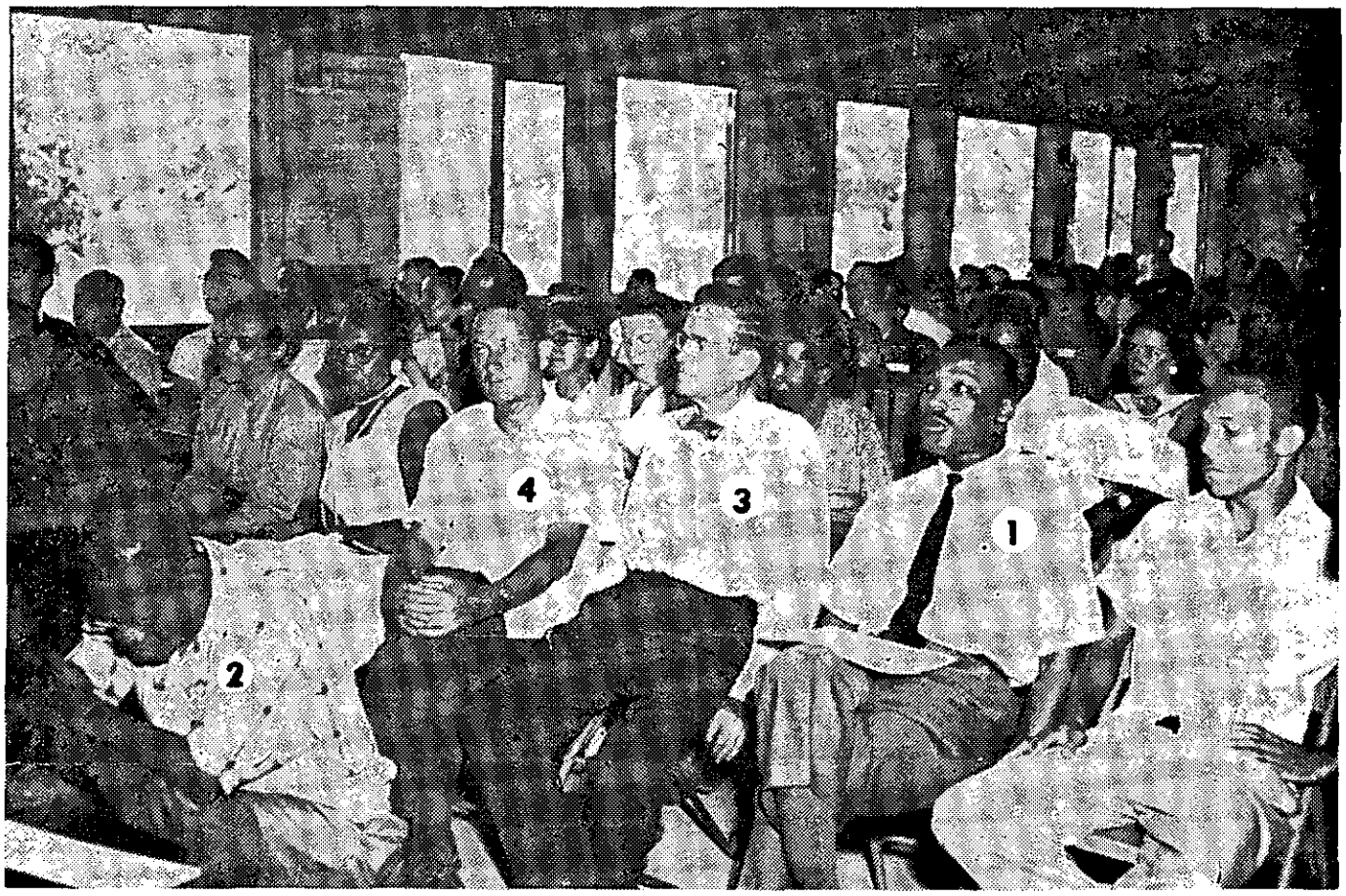
MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. **Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.**
2. **Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.**
3. **Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.**
4. **Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.**

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

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Communist Training School

LABOR DAY WEEKEND HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL MONTEAGLE TENN.

REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING addresses the assemblage. Reverend King, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is best known for his activities in the Montgomery Boycott, Montgomery Improvement Association and the March on Washington which he conducted with Bayard Rustin. The *Daily Worker* lists Bayard Rustin as one who attended the 1957 convention of the Communist Party USA. Bayard Rustin is identified in the *Daily Worker* as secretary to Reverend Martin Luther King.

The activities of Reverend Martin Luther King represent the ultimate in "civil disobedience." It is doubtful that Reverend King could have carried on such a program without outside leadership and financing; Bayard Rustin is perhaps the leading expert on "civil disobedience" in this country.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference is a new organization founded by Reverend King for region-wide agitation of racial violence and strife.

Every American Has the Right to Know the Truth

For further details on how to fight Communism
Citizens Anti-Communist Committee of Conn.
805 Housatonic Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut

PICTURED HERE (foreground) is Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. On the first row are Reverend Martin Luther King (2nd from right) of the Montgomery Boycott, Aubrey Williams (3rd from right) president of the Southern Conference Education Fund Inc. and Myles Horton (4th from Right) the director of Highlander Folk School.
These "four horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism".

For literature and information about fighting the menace of Communist infiltration in all fields contact us. We do not disagree with the sincere people who are anxious to have a better understanding and equality among all minorities. We feel that this must be done through education and understanding within a man's heart and not by force, violence and illegal methods as displayed by the Freedom Riders The Communist motive is to divide and conquer, as they have so cleverly done by pitting Chinese against Chinese, Indonesians fighting Indonesians, Laotians fighting Laotians, etc.

C O R E AND IT'S COMMUNIST FRONT ACTIVITIES

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD - - SENATE MAY 25th, 1961

Committee of the Judiciary United States Senate, Subcommittee Mr. President, the agent provacateurs who have descended upon the southern States in the name of "freedom riders" were sent for the sole purpose of stirring up discord, strife and violence. "Freedom riders" is a reversed Communist term, an old Communist technique. The movement was masterminded and directed by an organization known as the Congress of Racial Equality, called CORE. This organization is the war department of those who sell hate, collect donations and sow the seeds of discord in this country. Since its inception, its creed has been lawlessness and its tactics have followed the pattern set by Communist agitators the world over.

Such people as Roger N. Baldwin, A. J. Muste, Algernon D. Black, Earl B. Dickerson, Lilliam Smith, Charles Zimmerman, GoodwinWatson, Allan Knight Chalmers and Ronald B. Gittelsohn are or have been on the advisory board of CORE. Albert Bigelow is an active member in CORE. An inspection of their backgrounds will be enlightening.

Roger N. Baldwin - connected with over 50 Communist front organizations or activities.
National Committee - American League for Peace and Democracy. Sponsor of the Mass Celebration in honor of "Mother" Bloor (Will Gerr's grand-mother-in law)
Signed a statement calling for the Freedom of Earl Browder.

A. J. Muste - connected with over 30 Communist fronts or activities.
Some activities: signed the appeal for Amnesty for Eleven Communist leaders.
Appealed to President Truman for a Christmas Amnesty for Communist leaders indicted under the Smith Act.
Member National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

Earl B. Dickerson - over 20 connections with Communist front or activities.
Member - National Negro Congress.
Signed an open letter to President Truman appealing for clemency for the Rosenbergs.

Algernon D. Black - over 30 affiliations with Communist fronts or activities.
Some activities: Sponsor of Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace.
Signed statements for the National Council of American - Soviet Friendship.
Member of interchurch committee of American Russian Institute.

Charles S. Zimmerman - over 12 affiliations with Communist fronts or activities.
Governing Commission, Keep American Out of War Congress.
Protested proposal to outlaw Communist Party.

Lillian Smith - the leading white Southern integrationst, a member of the advisory committee of CORE, and author of the book "Strange Fruit".
Lillian Smith has also been associated with numerous organizations and activities cited as being Communist or Communist fronts. Some activities: American Peace Mobilization - signer of petition to free Browder.

Goodwin Watson - over 12 affiliations with Communist fronts or activities.
Some activities: Sponsor, Committee of One Thousand To Abolish House Committee on Un-American Activities.
Member - Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact.

Roland B. Gittelsohn - several affiliations with Communist fronts or activities.
Some Activities: Sponsor - Refugee Scholarship and Peace Campaign.
American League for Peace and Democracy.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, MAY 25, 1961 beginning p. 8349.

These are the facts about some of the members of the Advisory Board of CORE.

LET YOUR OPINION BE KNOWN. STAND UP AND BE COUNTED.

For additional copies contact:

CITIZENS ANTI-COMMUNIST COMMITTEE OF CONNECTICUT
805 Housatonic Avenue
Bridgeport, Connecticut

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 2-17-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ED DIECKMANN, JR.
79 RIVO ALTO CANAL
LONG BEACH 3, CALIFORNIA

By letter of 2-11-65, captioned individual requested any information the FBI would have on civilian review boards. He stated he planned to do an article on this subject for "American Opinion."

Bufiles reflect no information relating to Dieckmann; however, there has been prior cordial correspondence with his father, Edward A. Dieckmann, Sr., who is a retired detective lieutenant of the San Diego Police Department. "American Opinion" is the official publication of the John Birch Society.

Inasmuch as the Director's Introduction on civilian review boards, January, 1965, and the riot report of 9-18-64, are in effect material of public domain, we cannot prevent the correspondent from using the information. Therefore, it is believed it should be sent with a noncommittal reply.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached in-absence letter to Ed Dieckmann, Jr., be approved and sent.

Enclosure

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February 18, 1965

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Mr. Ed Dieckmann, Jr.
79 Rivo Alto Canal
Long Beach 3, California

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Dear Mr. Dieckmann:

Your letter of February 11th, with enclosure, was received during Mr. Hoover's absence. In response to your request, enclosed is material on civilian review boards which this Bureau has available for distribution. There is no charge for this service.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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Enclosures (2) Director's LEB Introduction 1-65
Riot Report to President of 9-18-64

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February 11, 1965

Editor,
FBI Bulletin, Law Enforcement.
Wash, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am doing research for an article assigned to me by Scott Stanley, Jr., Managing Editor of American Opinion, on Feb 8th.

(The current issue has one of my pieces: FROM LONDON, page 79.)

Stanley is interested in an article to further bolster the movement SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE.

For this purpose he wants a definitive job on the Civil Rights proposals to create Police Review Boards.

Being an ex-police officer (San Diego) and at present a parole agent, I am of course violently opposed to such boards.

But in addition to the interviews and material I now have, I would greatly appreciate it if you could send me such issues of your bulletin as pertain to the question.

Also, of course, the Director's own feelings on the matter (quotes).

The resulting ms will receive wide circulation.

Sincerely,

Ed Diedkmann, Jr.
#79 Rivo Alto Canal
Long Beach 3, Calif.

P.S: Payment via return mail will be gladly sent.

- Excuse awful typing. My wife usually does it.

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Usual in-absence reply over Miss Kenley's signature
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M.A. Jones to DeLoach Memo
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REC- 99 EX 109

62-104401-2432

February 19, 1965

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Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of February 10th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot furnish the type of report you mentioned. We have not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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F. B. I.
Washington, DC

Gentlmen:-

Please advise me where I may get copies of the F. B. I. report on the John Birch society - and the cost of same.

Thanks

/s/ [redacted]

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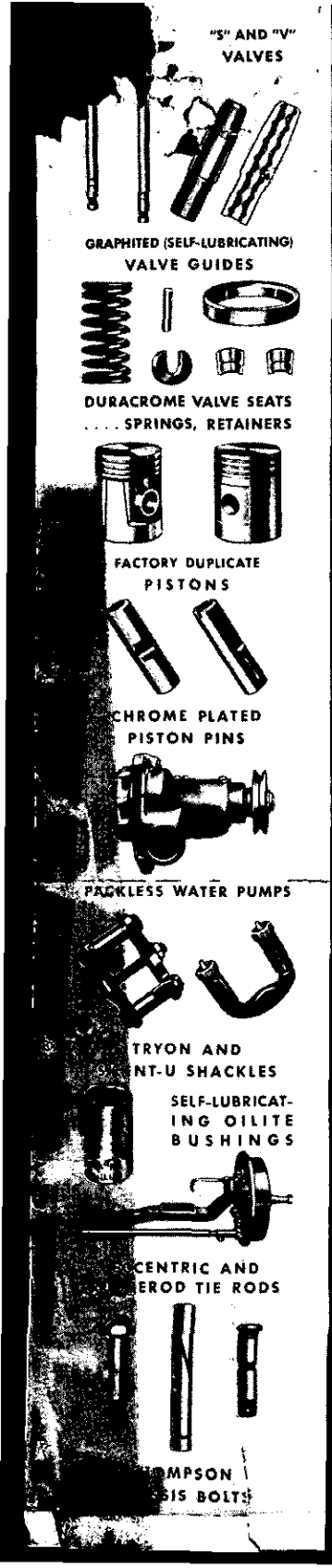

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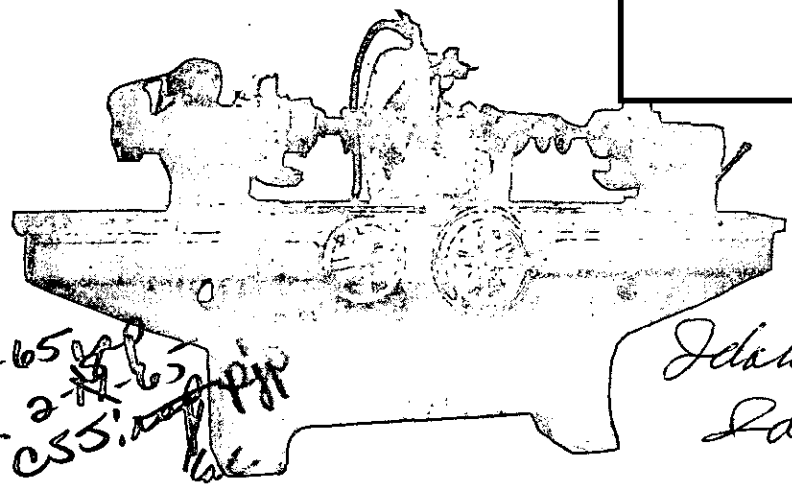

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EX. - 109

February 23, 1965

REC- 129 62- 104401-2433

[redacted]
Seattle, Washington 98118

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 16th was received as Mr. Hoover was preparing to leave the city.

In response to your request, he asked me to send you the enclosed article containing his views with regard to police review boards which he trusts will be of help.

Sincerely yours,

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Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

Enclosure
LEB Introduction, 1-65

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing derogatory concerning [redacted] and we have had one prior outgoing to him dated 11-23-64. "The Politician" was reviewed by the Bureau in January, 1960. It was a vicious attack on the political life and beliefs of former President Eisenhower.

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16 February 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr Hoover,

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Regarding the head of the John Birch Society and his linking the names of former President D. D. Eisenhower, the late John Foster Dulles and former CIA Director Allen Dulles with communism — have you read his book "The Politician"?

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Three people I work with even mentioned that they hope to be able to watch a police man being beaten up. This from supposedly well educated engineers.

You are more aware of this situation than I am and I am hoping you will be able to supply information that I may be able to constructively use in support of the police.

When an individual starts to wake up and take action he sure finds out in one big hurry that there is a real rough road to travel in order to protect our Nation.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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Sincerely yours,

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[redacted]
Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of February 18th and want to thank you for your kind wishes and generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

In response to your inquiry, my position concerning the extremes, either right or left, is that any individual or groups of individuals who would disregard the laws of the United States in their efforts to achieve their ends are dangerous to our national security. I want it clearly understood, however, that I am not in a position to name any specific individual or group as the FBI being the general investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I cannot comment along the lines you have suggested.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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13 February 1965

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Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I read with deep interest your comments concerning extremists of both the left and the right in your testimony before the Warren Commission. I believe they were as follows:

> "I think the extreme right is just as much danger to the freedom of this country as the extreme left. There are groups, organizations, and individuals on the extreme right who make these very violent statements, allegations that General Eisenhower was a Communist, disparaging references to the Chief Justice and at the other end of the spectrum you have these leftists who make wild statements charging almost anybody with being a Fascist or belonging to some of these so-called extreme right societies. Now, I have felt, and I have said publicly in speeches, that they are just as much danger, at either end of the spectrum. They don't deal with facts. Anybody who will alege that General Eisenhower was a Communist agent, has something wrong with him."

As you well know, you are frequently quoted by many organizations wich have as a basic premise for existance the fight against the communist conspiracy. I personally know, that Mr. Robert Welch, founder and still president of the John Birch Society has made some of these statements - statements concerning the loyality of President Eisenhower and Chief Justice Warren which I agree are violent.

John H. Rousselot, director of public relations for the John Birch Society, recently delievered a lecture on the United Nations in our area. At the meeting, he was asked what he felt of your statement which seems to point to the John Birch Society as a right-wing organization. His answer was that he personally did not consider his organization to be right-wing. My question sir, is - Do you consider the John Birch Society to be one of these right-wing organizations?

I appreciate your taking time from your busy day to read and answer this letter. I send to you my best personal regards for a happy future and commend you for an outstanding job well done.

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God be with you

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March 5, 1965

[redacted]

Atlanta, Georgia 30318

Dear [redacted]

Mr. Hoover has received your letter of February 23, 1965, with enclosure, and appreciates your interest in writing.

He asked me to advise you that the large number of similar requests has forced him to decline as a matter of policy. Your magazine is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles reflect that [redacted] is connected with an American Legion Post in Atlanta. He has been involved in a controversy over the Foreign Policy Association and has attacked the Overstreets who have written several books on communism. He has, on several occasions, forwarded correspondence in this connection to the Bureau, and his latest letters have not been acknowledged. The "American Opinion" is the publication of the John Birch Society and is edited by Robert Welch. It is felt that it would be unwise for the Director to autograph this publication. A self-addressed stamped envelope is being used in reply.

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30318

February 23, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would consider it a great honor if you would autograph the article which appears on the inside back cover of the enclosed issue of AMERICAN OPINION. A first class, stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience in returning the magazine.

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REC-21 62-104401-2436

March 11, 1965

[redacted]
Eldridge, Iowa 52748

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of March 5th and want to thank you for your interest in my books on communism and for your kind sentiments and generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. For your information, the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
"Our Heritage of Greatness"
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-1-61 LEB Introduction
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
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March 5, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I owe you a very sincere word of thanks for teaching Americans the truth of the Communistic conspiracy in America. I was one of the average apathetic Americans who sat back and "hoped" blindly that our government was staffed with the purest American citizens in the land. After reading your books I sought out every piece of material I could possibly find, and am now quite informed as to the Communistic infiltration in our land. Thank you so very much for awakening my curiosity on such an important matter.

Most of the people in America and in governmental circles as well, feel that the John Birch Society is a wild group of idiots, but I am so very proud to have recently sent in my application for membership in this Society. I do not know how you feel about the organization, but I feel we must do something about Communistic infiltration or turn the country over to Russia in the near future. If their plans are continuing on the proper time-table, it isn't far off. I feel that the John Birch Society offers me the opportunity to inform others and help save America from the hands of slavery. Why is the Communist movement trying to smear the Birch Society so regularly? This, to me, is a good indication of the amount of truth the Society is circulating.

You are one of the true "lights" left in a darkened sky and I am so proud that you have remained firm and honest. As long as there are men in America like you, we can yet find hope. May God give you the strength and courage which you daily use for the betterment of our fine country. Many thanks to you, Mr. Hoover, a loyal American.

Sincerely,

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Eldridge, Iowa

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March 11, 1965

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Dover, New Jersey

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of March 3rd and want to thank you for your kind sentiments and generous remarks concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit."

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)
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Introduction to LEB 4-1-61
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March 3, 1965

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Dover, N.J.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover;

I want first of all to thank you for offering to the American people your book "Masters of Deceit". On the basis of it and other factors a community study group was formed. I suppose as groups go this one is just as inexperienced and disorganized as any other just starting to learn. I have attended each meeting and it was at one such endeavor that the John Birch Society gave its presentation program. I could honestly find no fault with this presentation. The facts as outlined were grim and realistic.

However, because of this Birch presentation, the facilities which had been allowed the group now, in effect, have been denied it.

I am in no way representing this group, or any group, but I do very much need enlightenment. Is the "stigma" which the John Birch Society seem to carry deserved or undeserved? If it were illegal I am sure that it would have been long since disbanded by your bureau. But is it skirting and staying just within the law as so many say? Does it smear unjustly? What little I have seen of it seems otherwise. I am vitally concerned as I feel every Churchman and American should be. I can think of no one who can answer my problem more fully, sincerely, and honestly than yourself. If in your position you find you cannot come to my aid in this matter, I would appreciate a recommended reading list by you, if possible.

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Again I thank you for writing your book and may God bless you.

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Truly yours,

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[redacted]
Duncan, Oklahoma

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 9th has been received, and I want you to know how much I appreciate your kind comments concerning my work. My associates and I hope that our future efforts will continue to merit your support.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment on the John Birch Society. For your information, the FBI has not investigated this organization.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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March 9, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Re: John Birch Society

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The above-captioned society is quite a controversial issue among my group of friends. I would deeply appreciate knowing if this organization has been checked by your department and if you found it to be a Communist organization. I would also greatly appreciate any literature that is available and can be furnished me regarding this organization.

My personal thanks along with those of my family are extended you for the many years of fine service which you have rendered this country and we sincerely trust that politics will be removed from your department so that it can function for the best interest of the majority of the people in this country.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Duncan, Oklahoma

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North Olmsted, Ohio

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 9th has been received, and I am glad you found my book, "Masters of Deceit," to be of interest.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the matters you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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March 9, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover, Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

After reading your book intitled MASTERS OF DECEIT I have become most concerned and anxious to do what I can to become a more informed citizen; to inform others; and to become offensive in our fight against communism.

Consequently, I am desirous of becoming associated with an anti-communist organization. In my search I have become acquainted with the John Birch Society, and thus far, I have found nothing in their reading material which would offend me. Yet the Democratic Party Platform has mentioned the John Birch Society along with the Klu Klux Klan and the Communist Party as being undesirable. I certainly do not see the connection between the John Birch Society and the two above mentioned organizations. Perhaps you can clarify this for me. I would appreciate any information you could supply me with that would correct my thinking regarding the Society.

It is also my understanding that the California Senate Fact-Finding Committee has made a thorough investigation on the John Birch Society and has found nothing offensive about the Society. Is this true, and if so would you please tell me where I can get a copy of this report. Also, what is your recommendation regarding the John Birch Society?

One final question; are the Minute Men legal and pro-American or not?

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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Carbon Copy mailed to

Banning Calif
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World Week
Scholastic Magazine
50 West 44th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Editor: Robert Welch

In your magazine of Dec 2, 1964

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I noticed your magazine follows the smear tactic against anti Communists by associating a name reputation, without any facts given, with Nazis & Ku Klux Klan in the "F.B.I. speaks up". In no way do you explain who Robert Welch is or what he does but the good well read your article and get the impression he is a Nazi, when we know Mr Welch is not connected with Rockwell's Nazi. We know the Nazis are on the left in a totalitarian stream with the Socialists & Reds of all kinds. May the Honorable J. E. Hoover did remark, "he had no respect for Robert Welch," but I know from all of Welchs writings he has all way quoted J. E. Hoover with high regard and accuracy to inform his B. Society of Hoover's warnings that we are at War with the Reds! I resent your misrepresentation of facts to American Youth.

Respectfully,

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March 17, 1965

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Bradford, Massachusetts

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 9th, with enclosure, has been received.

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Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest, along with the stamped, self-addressed envelope you so thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

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LEB Introduction 4/1/61
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Let's Fight Communism Sanely
Our Heritage of Greatness
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March 9, 1965

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Washington, D. C.

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Thanking you I am

Yours truly

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Mailing Address [redacted]
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March 17, 1965

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Elizabeth, Pennsylvania

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of March 12th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment in the manner you desire concerning the organization about which you inquired. You might be interested in knowing, however, that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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March 12, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I would appreciate very much having your personal or the F.B.I. official opinion of the John Birch Society. If you are unwilling to extend this information, could you advise merely if you concur with the conclusion of the committee of the California State Senate which investigated the Society?

Sincerely yours

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March 18, 1965

[redacted]
Lodi, New Jersey 07644

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 15th has been received, and I am glad to know of your interest in my book.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

I am enclosing some material on the general topic of communism which I trust will be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
Let's Fight Communism Sanely
One Nation's Response to Communism

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.
MARCH 1, 1965

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Congratulations on the grand job you are doing as Director of the F.B.I., especially in the standards of integrity, which you set by your own example.

I was so very happy to read your article in the Law Enforcement Bulletin, Jan. 1965. This article is proving an excellent aid in our campaign to abolish the "Police Advisory Board" in Philadelphia.

Would you please send me 300 copies of the reprint, if possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19111

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Dear [redacted] MATTER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

I read your letter of March 1st upon my return to the city, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your complimentary remarks and staunch support.

While I would like to be of assistance, budgetary limitations preclude me from complying with your request.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contained no information identifiable with correspondent and due to his request for 300 copies of LEB Intro of January , 1965, a field check was requested. By letter dated 3-12-65, Philadelphia advised that the correspondent is affiliated with a John Birch Society group who are attempting to obtain copies of Bureau publications to use in their campaign. SAC Philadelphia recommended [redacted] not be furnished the material he requested.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/12/65

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (94-788)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
PHILADELPHIA, PA.:
RESEARCH
(CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

BUDED 3/12/65.

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Re Bureau airtel dated 3/5/65.

The files of the Philadelphia Division fail to reflect any information concerning subject.

For the information of the Bureau, it appears that subject is connected with the same organization as referred to in Bureau file 94-60807, Philadelphia file 94-777, entitled: [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa.; RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS).

It would appear that there is a concerted effort being made by different members of this group who are undoubtedly affiliated with the John Birch Society to obtain copies of Bureau publications to use in their campaign.

[redacted] In view of this, it is recommended that subject be advised that due to the great demand for our publications and our budgetary limitations, this would not allow the Bureau to comply with this request.

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Philadelphia, Pa.
March 1, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover, JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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[redacted]

Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 11th has been received, and the thought prompting you to write is appreciated.

With respect to your inquiry regarding the John Birch Society, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to this organization.

Enclosed are publications which I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Our Heritage of Greatness
U. S. News and World Report
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February 2, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Sincerely yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 10th, with enclosure, has been received and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing.

With respect to the article you mentioned, I can assure you neither I nor any member of my staff has made such a statement concerning FBI Agents joining the John Birch Society. In view of my long-standing policy of not commenting publicly on the internal operations of this Bureau, I regret I am unable to respond along the line you have requested.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)
"Our Heritage Of Greatness"
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-1-61 LEB Introduction
1 - Los Angeles - Enclosures (2)
NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing derogatory concerning correspondent. There is nothing derogatory in Bufiles concerning Carl Greenberg and he has been cooperative with the Los Angeles Office. This Bureau is aware of the incident referred to by correspondent regarding the arrest of two individuals who were allegedly negotiating a sale of guns to the John Birch Society.
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Yours truly,

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To Dir of Society

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Birch Society Founder Calls King 'Hypocrite'

Nobel Prize Winner Labeled Red-Trained Troublemaker in Conservative Pamphlet

BY CARL GREENBERG
Times Political Writer

Robert Welch, John Birch Society founder, accuses Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Martin Luther King of being a "hypocritical troublemaker . . . who has been trained by the Communists." The attack was made in a pamphlet outlining Welch's plans to build conservative support for political candidates.

In the same pamphlet, Welch, who will be here Monday to begin a series of speeches, also says that:

1 — Secretary of State Dean Rusk "was one of the chief architects of American foreign policy that betrayed Chiang Kai-shek and placed China in the hands of Mao Tze-tung," after which Rusk "became for years one of Nelson Rockefeller's stable of liberals . . ."

2 — Rusk "fought every step of the way on every occasion for those decisions which were bound to bring about" the "defeat and betrayal" of the Bay of Pigs invaders of Cuba.

3—The "real purpose" of the "Washington machine, as dominated by our State Department," is to have South Vietnam "fall into Communist hands, without letting it appear that we pushed it."

Topics of Talks

The society's March bulletin, just released, also provides a preview of some of the things Welch plans to talk about in his speeches in this area to show "the near-idiocy of so much that the American people calmly accept today as making sense." Among these:

1—The United States is giving millions of dollars to "Communist Poland, which Poland in turn gives to Ho Chi Minh's Communist regime in North Vietnam, whom we are now fighting in South Vietnam."

2—"We contend that for Protestant clergymen to give public parties for known homosexuals borders on insanity."

'Borders on Insanity'

3—"We contend that for the federal government to set up an organization and spend tax money to relieve poverty in such cities as Beverly Hills, Calif., borders on insanity."

4—"We contend that for high schools to promote pornography under the guise of sex education; that for great church organizations to recommend some of the most blasphemous books in print, under the pretense of supporting academic freedom; that for a judge to turn loose at once, on probation, an armed burglar caught in the act, and then when the same man is again caught in the same act in less than three weeks time, to turn him loose again . . . border on insanity."

Welch last week outlined plans to form at least 50 chapters of 20 members each in 325 congressional districts, but the ultimate goal envisions such chapters in all of the nation's 435 districts.

The pamphlet, which stated that the society now has 800 "section leaders" around the country, assailed Dr. King, now leading Negro voter-registration drives in the South, as one who:

"Regularly employs and associates with Communists, and whose every action for years has followed the Communist blueprint for subversion of our country."

Welch asserted that Dr.

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King invites himself to the White House "whenever a meeting of the minds' between himself and the President is called for by his strategy."

The pamphlet said its contents, announcing the program for membership drives in congressional districts, "ought to dispel now for all time the falsehood, so carefully nurtured by the liberal press, that the John Birch Society is a secret or 'semi-secret' organization."

However, John H. Rousselot, JBS national public relations director, told The Times that JBS policy still is "to leave it to the individual to name himself (as a Birch member) if he so desires."

The same policy, he declared, applies to disclosing how many JBS members there are.

Rousselot said the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People and the American Civil Liberties Union follow the same policy, "but this has never been pointed out." He stated:

"This has been an overdrawn issue. We're really no different than many other organizations. I think probably as time goes on the policy may change on the number of members."

Police Membership

The March bulletin, listing the "agenda for the month," included a spotlight on "the movement to impeach Earl Warren," "The United Nations—Get US out!", the Liberty Amendment — which, among other things, would abolish the income tax—and the drive to "support your local police."

Mentioned in connection with the latter campaign was a statement by Dominick Spina, director of police, Newark, N.J., that membership in JBS by policemen "does not conflict with police regulations" there.

Spina's statement was cited, it was indicated, because of "all of the fuss that the liberals have tried to raise about police officers themselves being members of the John Birch Society."

The bulletin contains a two-page reproduction of a statement by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, in the January issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, saying a drive to establish civilian review boards to hear complaints against police officers is a "questionable" move and an "ill-advised maneuver."

Inserted in the reproduction was a message "to all conservatives" from the Philadelphia Committee to Support Your Local Police, asking financial aid in getting Hoover's statement to every citizen of that city.

From authoritative sources in Washington, it was learned that no FBI agents are known members of JBS and that, if one did join, it would cost him his job.

General FBI policy is to ban association of its employes with any organization that would tend to bring the bureau into disrepute, and the sources said JBS is considered such a group.

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Date: 3/12/65

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Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

John Birch Society

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: RESEARCH AND CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-)(RUC)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
RESEARCH MATTER

[redacted]

Re Bureau telephone call, 3/11/65, of Supervisor F. C. STUKENBROEKER, stating that [redacted] Pacific Palisades, had written to the Bureau and quoted from an article in the "Los Angeles Times" by CARL GREENBERG, dated 3/7/65. A copy of this article is enclosed.

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A review of Los Angeles files contains the following information concerning [redacted]

On 5/1/62 [redacted] Los Angeles, telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office. He advised that the purpose of his call was to be put on record that he was opposed to all communist type organizations. He advised that he had received information in the mail from the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms (see appendix). [redacted] advised that he feared he was on this mailing list and wished this office to know that he did not support the communist movement.

The "Los Angeles Mirror" dated 12/13/61, a former Los Angeles local newspaper, in its Letters to the Editor column contained an article captioned [redacted] Declares Birchers Not Fascists." [redacted] in his letter was critical

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Special Agent in Charge

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of an article published in this newspaper and advised that all opponents to communism are not fascists. He continues that the FBI is equipped and qualified to handle communist intrigue, but that the John Birch Society endeavors to wake the public on the dangers of communism.

The Los Angeles indices, concerning CARL GREENBERG, "Los Angeles Times" political writer, contain the following information:

By letter dated 5/21/58 to Director, FBI, Mr. CARL GREENBERG, Political Editor of the "Los Angeles Examiner," was furnished information concerning the 1957 "Uniform Crime Report Bulletin." The "Los Angeles Examiner" was a local daily newspaper which has since merged to become the "Los Angeles Herald Examiner." The information was furnished to GREENBERG in response to a telegram sent by GREENBERG to Director on 5/12/58.

Los Angeles indices reflect CARL GREENBERG, former Political Editor, "Los Angeles Examiner," joined the "Los Angeles Times" as a political writer after the "Los Angeles Examiner" and "Los Angeles Herald" merged on 1/8/62.

Los Angeles indices contain no additional information concerning [redacted] or GREENBERG. b6 b7C

APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations", revised, December 1, 1961, pp. 43-44, describes this committee as follows:

"The Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms * * * specializes in propaganda aimed at abolishing the Committee on Un-American Activities and discrediting the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Created in Los Angeles in 1952, the front organization is run by FRANK WILKINSON, an identified Communist who recently resumed the full-time paid post of executive secretary after approximately a year's leave of absence to assist in a similar campaign by another front in New York City, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

"When the Committee on Un-American Activities held hearings in Los Angeles, September 2-5, 1958, to inquire into the nature of the Party's recent reorganization in California, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms sponsored a series of public meetings to protest the hearings and the very existence of the Committee. Communists subpoenaed as witnesses were guests of honor.

"At this time, leaders of the party's Southern California District, were mobilizing Communists in the area for participation in an intensified campaign to abolish this committee of Congress. How the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms served the party in this effort was revealed by (Communist Party) District Chairman DOROTHY HEALEY in a report to the party's Southern California District Council on September 21, 1958. Mrs. HEALEY declared that the party preferred public protest meetings to be held by the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms rather than under party auspices because Communists could attend without danger of being exposed as members of the party. She also noted that Communists scheduled as congressional committee witnesses could not appear beforehand at openly Communist rallies without creating the impression that the party was conspiring with witnesses to withhold information from the committee."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 259 on the Southern California District of the Communist Party, April 3, 1959, pp. 7 and 8.)

APPENDIX

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Birch Society Founder Calls King 'Hypocrite'

Nobel Prize Winner Labeled Red-Trained Troublemaker in Conservative Pamphlet

BY CARL GREENBERG
Times Political Writer

Robert Welch, John Birch Society founder, accuses Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Martin Luther King of being a "hypocritical troublemaker . . . who has been trained by the Communists." The attack was made in a pamphlet outlining Welch's plans to build conservative support for political candidates.

In the same pamphlet, Welch, who will be here Monday to begin a series of speeches, also says that:

1 — Secretary of State Dean Rusk "was one of the chief architects of American foreign policy that betrayed Chiang Kai-shek and placed China in the hands of Mao Tze-tung," after which Rusk "became for years one of Nelson Rockefeller's stable of liberals . . ."

2 — Rusk "fought every step of the way on every occasion for those decisions which were bound to bring about" the "defeat and betrayal" of the Bay of Pigs invaders of Cuba.

3—The "real purpose" of the "Washington machine, as dominated by our State Department," is to have South Vietnam "fall into Communist hands, without letting it appear that we pushed it."

Topics of Talks

The society's March bulletin, just released, also provides a preview of some of the things Welch plans to talk about in his speeches in this area to show "the near-idiocy of so much that the American people calmly accept today as making sense." Among these:

1—The United States is giving millions of dollars to "Communist Poland, which Poland in turn gives to Ho Chi Minh's Communist regime in North Vietnam, whom we are now fighting in South Vietnam."

2—"We contend that for Protestant clergymen to give public parties for known homosexuals borders on insanity."

'Borders on Insanity'

3—"We contend that for the federal government to set up an organization and spend tax money to relieve poverty in such cities as Beverly Hills, Calif., borders on insanity."

4—"We contend that for high schools to promote pornography under the guise of sex education; that for great church organizations to recommend some of the most blasphemous books in print, under the pretense of supporting academic freedom; that for a judge to turn loose at once, on probation, an armed burglar caught in the act, and then when the same man is again caught in the same act in less than three weeks time, to turn him loose again . . . border on insanity."

Welch last week outlined plans to form at least 50 chapters of 20 members each in 325 congressional districts, but the ultimate goal envisions such chapters in all of the nation's 435 districts.

The pamphlet, which stated that the society now has 800 "section leaders" around the country, assailed Dr. King, now leading Negro voter-registration drives in the South, as one who:

"Regularly employs and associates with Communists, and whose every action for years has followed the Communist blueprint for subversion of our country."

Welch asserted that Dr. King invites himself to the White House "whenever a 'meeting of the minds' between himself and the President is called for by his strategy."

The pamphlet said its contents, announcing the program for membership drives in congressional districts, "ought to dispel now for all time the falsehood, so carefully nurtured by the liberal press, that the John Birch Society is a secret or 'semi-secret' organization."

However, John H. Rousselot, JBS national public relations director, told The Times that JBS policy still is "to leave it to the individual to name himself (as a Birch member) if he so desires."

The same policy, he declared, applies to disclosing how many JBS members there are.

Rousselot said the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People and the American Civil Liberties Union follow the same policy, "but this has never been pointed out." He stated:

"This has been an overdrawn issue. We're really no different than many other organizations. I think probably as time goes on the policy may change on the number of members."

Police Membership

The March bulletin, listing the "agenda for the month," included a spotlight on "the movement to impeach Earl

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

A-2 Los Angeles Times
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Warren," "The United Nations—Get US out!", the Liberty Amendment — which, among other things, would abolish the income tax—and the drive to "support your local police."

Mentioned in connection with the latter campaign was a statement by Dominick Spina, director of police, Newark, N.J., that membership in JBS by policemen "does not conflict with police regulations" there.

Spina's statement was cited, it was indicated, because of "all of the fuss that the liberals have tried to raise about police officers themselves being members of the John Birch Society."

The bulletin contains a two-page reproduction of a statement by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI,, in the January issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, saying a drive to establish civilian review boards to hear complaints against police officers is a "questionable" move and an "ill-advised maneuver."

Inserted in the reproduction was a message "to all conservatives" from the Philadelphia Committee to Support Your Local Police, asking financial aid in getting Hoover's statement to every citizen of that city.

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Macon, Georgia

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Your letter of March 14th has been received and I can appreciate the concern prompting you to write. It was thoughtful of you to let me know of your subscription plans.

With regard to the John Birch Society, I am unable to comment in the manner you have indicated as information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret it is not possible to be of help to you in this instance and trust you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relative to the subject of your inquiry.

It is always reassuring to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the evils of the communist conspiracy and who desire to combat this threat to our freedoms. I am enclosing some material, in response to your request, on the general topic of communism. Perhaps you may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written in order to help readers gain an insight into the strategy and tactics of communists, both in this country and abroad. Copies may be available at your local library.

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Sincerely yours,

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Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
Let's Fight Communism Sanely
4-17-62 Internal Security statement
4-1-61 LEB Intro
Our Heritage of Greatness

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Please permit me to take a few Minutes of your time to read this letter.

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Glendale, California 91206

Dear [redacted] Neva R.

Your letter of March 15th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, I can assure you that neither I nor any member of my staff has made a statement concerning FBI Agents' joining the John Birch Society. In view of my long-standing policy of not commenting publicly on the internal operations of this Bureau, I regret that I am unable to respond along the lines you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

On March 7, 1965, the Los Angeles Times printed an article by Carl Greenberg, one of their political writers, concerning the March, 1965, bulletin of The John Birch Society. After mentioning the two-page reproduction of your statement which appeared in the January, 1965, issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, Mr. Greenberg continues with the following:

"From authoritative sources in Washington, it was learned that no FBI agents are known members of JBS and that, if one did join, it would cost him his job."

"General FBI policy is to ban association of its employes with any organization that would tend to bring the bureau into disrepute, and the sources said JBS is considered such a group."

I am particularly interested, Mr. Hoover, in knowing if the latter quoted paragraph is true, and if this information was issued with your knowledge?

Yours truly,

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McKeesport, Pennsylvania

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 12th has been received, and it was indeed thoughtful of you to write as you did. I want you to know that your complimentary remarks and staunch support mean a great deal to me. I am glad you have found my books and articles to be of interest.

Information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the John Birch Society other than to inform you that it has not been investigated by this Bureau.

While I would like to be of assistance, we do not have available for distribution any material specifically on the topic of "communism in our churches"; however, I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"
Time of Testing
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals
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San Francisco, California 94109

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 17th has been received, and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In addition, I am unable to direct you to a source from which you can obtain the information you desire. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance and it is hoped you understand. You may wish to know, however, that the FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F. B. I.
U. S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Just a long over-due note to thank you for the many years of dedicated work you have done for the American people. You truly represent the American citizen in his finest form. We hope you will be able to continue as head of our F. B. I. for many years to come.

I have read your books and many of your articles, and have become quite concerned about communism in our churches. Does the Justice Dept. have any pamphlets available concerning this matter? If so, I would be very interested in obtaining them.

Also, I have just finished reading The Blue Book of The John Birch Society and I'm very interested in receiving ~~any information~~ you may have pertaining to that organization. Contrary to what I expected, I found Robert Welch's book highly intelligent, extremely timely, and very worthwhile. I fully approved of it's content, and feel the author fully understands the communist problem.

Thank you again for your many years of fine service.

Most sincerely,

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17 March, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover
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Woodburn, Indiana

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I received your letter of March 16th.

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Enclosed is some literature which contains suggestions all of us can use in combating communism I hope you will find informative.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It!
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
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One Nation's Response to Communism

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Ypsilanti, Michigan

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I received your letter on March 22nd.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. You may wish to know that the FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society, and I can assure you that I have never written articles for that organization.

Sincerely yours,

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Mar. 5th, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Dir. of Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am writing to inquire about the John Birch Society. I am told you occasionally write articles for them. I am acquainted with some of their literature. Is the John Birch Society an UnAmerican group, or what?

Thank you,
Yours truly,
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Ypsilanti, Mich.
Mar. 5th, 1964

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Dir. of Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am writing
to inquire about the
John Birch Society.
I am told you
occasionally write
~~arch~~ articles for them.

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I am acquainted with some of their literature. Is the John Birch Society an un-American group, or what?

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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March 23, 1965

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Little Neck, New York 11363

Dear [redacted]

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I received your letter of March 17th and want to thank you for your expression of confidence in my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
"Our Heritage of Greatness"
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
LEB Introduction, 4/61
Internal Security Statement, 4-17-62

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J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington, D C

Dear Mr. Hoover,

There is no one whose opinion I value more than yours. You have been one of the elected officials, who has always been honest & truthful. That is why I am writing to you.

My husband and I have been asked to give our time & money to the "John Birch Society." Would you please tell me something about it and what you personally think of it. There have been so many conflicting reports.

We would like to be sure we are doing the right thing before we join.

We want this country to be a decent place for our grand children and will do every thing we can to achieve this

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Please help us with any information you may have.

Thanking you in advance for help in this matter

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March 24, 1965

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Jamestown, North Dakota

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Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of March 17th and want to thank you for your kind wishes and generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

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Dan Smoot was employed as a Special Agent from March, 1942, to June, 1951, at which time he voluntarily resigned. Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with this Bureau as a clerk on October 24, 1935, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position October 5, 1951. Their personal ventures and their opinions and comments are strictly their own and this Bureau is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures
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4-1-61 LEB Introduction
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

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[redacted]
Jamestown, N. Dak.
March 17, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In the past several months I've become increasingly interested in the work and aims of the "John Birch Society." I have not as yet joined but have attended some functions of the group. I'm sure you are well aware of their high esteem and respect for your work, integrity and writings.

A critic of the society commented that the various spokesmen claiming long years employment with the FBI actually were dismissed and/or are held in ill repute by your organization. I would appreciate, therefore, any comments you could give, on the careers of W. Cleon Skousen and Dan Smoot. I would also like to have you comment on the character of Robert Welch, head of the "John Birch Society."

It certainly is my wish, and I'm sure that of the vast majority of this country, for you to enjoy many more years of good health and will be able to continue your fine, courageous leadership of the FBI. By the way I believe its a tribute to you after your long career, that your critics can find nothing more substantive to attack you with than (Eric Severing) you belong in the same category with the grad old men such as McArthur; or Loudon Wainwright-"Life") he resents your impeccable character & the respect with which you are held by your organization!

I certainly will appreciate any information you can give me.

Sincerely yours,

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Sincerely yours,

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March 25, 1965

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Kansas City, Kansas

Dear [redacted]

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I received your letter of March 16th and want to thank you for your interest in writing.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy. You may wish to know, however, that this Bureau has never investigated the John Birch Society.

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MAR 25 1965
COMM-FBI

It is indeed a pleasure to hear from citizens who are aware of the menace communism poses to our freedoms and desire to combat it. I am enclosing material which contains suggestions all of us can use in opposing this insidious evil. You may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to acquaint readers with the strategy and tactics of communists, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
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LEB Introduction, 4-61
Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

March 16, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is a request for information on the John Birch Society. Do you feel this group is fighting Communism in the proper way? Do you feel the best way to fight Communism in America would be as a member of this controversial group?

The reason I am directing this letter to your office is because I feel I will receive a fair and unbiased appraisal.

May I have your comments on the best ways to recognize and fight the presence of Communism.

This is a matter of great importance to me and I would therefore greatly appreciate your advice on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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KansasCity, Kansas

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March 25, 1965

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Ramseur, North Carolina

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of March 23rd has been received, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind comments. I am glad you found my book, "Masters of Deceit," to be of interest.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment along the lines of your inquiry.

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MAR 25 1965
COMM-FBI

It is always reassuring to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the evils of communism. It has always been my belief that it is through a thorough understanding of the evil philosophy of communism that one can best protect our Nation from this menace. I am enclosing some material on the general topic of communism which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
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Communism--The Incredible Swindle
"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Due to some of the wild statements made by the John Birch Society member to whom the correspondent refers, particularly with respect to the United Nations, the usual sentence stating that this Society has not been investigated by the Bureau is being omitted. This is to insure that the correspondent does not infer that we may be in sympathy with the views of this one individual with whom she came in contact.

TRUE COPY

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have admired you as a person for many years. I think you have contributed much to our country.

I have read your book recently "Masters of Deceit" and other books concerning communism. I recently met a man who is a member of the John Birch Society. He describes things within our government as being infilterated with communist. He says the United Nations is promoting communism. He also says our churches are infiltereated with Communist material. He calls "Look" Magazine a communist magazine. Is this true are is he labeling everyone who opposes him and his way of thinging communist? If this is true then they are dangerous to our country. If this is true then we need to be trying to inform others. I do not want to do anything that would undermind our country. Neither do I want to sit back and do nothing if the communist have made this kind of penetration within our country. I would sacrifice almost anything to help save our country. The question is though how is the ordinary person such as myself going to find out. I am a Christian but I cannot determine in my own mind what to do. You can answer one question for me and that is, is the John Birch Society thinking bad for our country? A yes or no answer would help me clear this up in my own mind. You could write me and say yes or no with out jeopardy to your career. I would forever be indebted to you.

Yours truly,

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Rolling Hills, Calif.
March 9, 1965

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
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Miss Holmes
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover: John Birch Society

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This is to thank you very much for sending the copies of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletins.

In this period of turmoil, involving communist infiltration, and subversion, increased crime, domestic rioting and other manifestations of increasing moral deterioration, my husband and I, in common with many other Americans, have come to consider more directly and personally the importance and the problems of the FBI and of the other law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

In this connection, we have found the Bulletins highly interesting and informative, and both of us appreciate your courtesy in sending them.

Sincerely yours,

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March 16, 1965

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Rolling Hills, California 90274 [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of March 9th, with enclosure, and the letter from [redacted] of the same date. I am pleased to know that both of you find the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin of interest.

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With respect to your inquiry concerning the John Birch Society, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In view of this, I am sure you understand why I cannot comment along the lines you suggested, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to this organization. In connection with the article you enclosed, I can assure you that neither I nor any member of my staff has made a statement concerning FBI Agents' joining the John Birch Society. In view of my long-standing policy of not commenting publicly on the internal operations of this Bureau, I regret I am unable to respond along the lines you have requested.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Los Angeles - Enclosures (3)
1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent with cover memo)
1 - Mr. Sullivan (sent with cover memo)
1 - Mr. Callahan (sent with cover memo)
NOTE: See D. C. Morrell to Mr. DeLoach memorandum of 3/16/65 captioned [redacted] Rolling Hills, California." PDW/cal.

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ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA

March 9, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

If it is your policy to state your position in this matter, I should appreciate knowing whether the official attitude of the FBI toward the John Birch Society is that which is implied in an article by Carl ~~Greenberg in the~~ Los Angeles Times for March 7.

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Enclosed is a Thermofax copy of the article in which Mr. Greenberg states:

> "From authoritative sources in Washington, it was learned that no FBI agents are known members of JBS and that, if one did join, it would cost him his job.
>
> "General FBI policy is to ban association of its employes with any organization that would tend to bring the bureau into disrepute, and the sources said JBS is considered such a group."

In the past there have been flagrant attempts by those wishing to disparage the Birch Society, to capitalize upon the recognized integrity of the FBI by implying that you or your organization have criticized the Society. Although Mr. Greenberg relies upon the "authoritative sources" gimmick, and does not state that the source is the FBI, many uncritical readers will assume that the authoritative source speaks for the FBI. This is especially true since Mr. Greenberg states unequivocally that the FBI considers that membership of its personnel in the Society would tend to bring the Bureau into disrepute.

I have been a member of the Society for five years, and have yet to meet a member who is not a decent, reputable and patriotic citizen, dedicated to Americanism in its highest sense. However, humans being what they are, there are undoubtedly members of the Society whose zeal leads to untoward actions. And, more likely, there are imposters with malicious intent who join the Society briefly, until discovered, in order to foster disrepute.

I should appreciate any comments you may be willing to make on this subject, and if the official attitude of the FBI as you express it is not as stated by Mr. Greenberg, I shall ask him and his paper to print a correction.

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Sincerely,

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Birch Society Founder Calls King 'Hypocrite'

Nobel Prize Winner Labeled Red-Trained Troublemaker in Conservative Pamphlet

Los Angeles Times
3-7-65

BY CARL GREENBERG
Times Political Writer

Robert Welch, John Birch Society founder, accuses Nobel Peace Prize winner Martin Luther King Jr. of being a "hypocritical troublemaker . . . who has been trained by the Communists" in a pamphlet outlining his plans to build conservative support for political candidates.

In the same pamphlet, Welch, who will be here Monday to begin a series of speeches, also says that:

1 — Secretary of State Dean Rusk "was one of the chief architects of American foreign policy that betrayed Chiang Kai-shek and placed China in the hands of Mao Tze-tung," after which Rusk "became for years one of Nelson Rockefeller's stable of liberals . . ."

2 — Rusk "fought every step of the way on every occasion for those decisions which were bound to bring about" the "defeat and betrayal" of the Bay of Pigs invaders of Cuba.

3—The "real purpose" of the "Washington machine, as dominated by our State Department," is to have South Vietnam "fall into Communist hands, without letting it appear that we pushed it."

Topics of Talks

The society's March bulletin, just released, also provides a preview of some of the things Welch plans to talk about in his speeches in this area to show "the near-idiocy of so much that the American people calmly accept today as making sense." Among these:

1—The United States is giving millions of dollars to "Communist Poland, which Poland in turn gives to Ho Chi Minh's Communist regime in North Vietnam, whom we are now fighting in South Vietnam."

2—"We contend that for Protestant clergymen to give public parties for known homosexuals borders on insanity."

3—"We contend that for the federal government to set up an organization and spend tax money to relieve poverty in such cities as Beverly Hills, Calif., borders on insanity."

4—"We contend that for high schools to promote pornography under the guise of sex education; that for great church organizations to recommend some of the most blasphemous books in print, under the pretense of supporting academic freedom; that for a judge to turn loose at once, on probation, an armed burglar caught in the act, and then when the same man is again caught in the same act in less than three weeks time, to turn him loose again . . . border on insanity."

Plans 50 Chapters

Welch last week outlined plans to form at least 50 chapters of 20 members each in 325 congressional districts, but the ultimate goal envisions such chapters in all of the nation's 435 districts.

The pamphlet, which stated that the society now has 800 "section leaders" around the country, assailed Dr. King, now leading Negro voter-registration drives in the South, as one who:

"Regularly employs and associates with Communists, and whose every action for years has followed the Communist blueprint for subversion of our country."

Welch asserted that Dr. King invites himself to the White House "whenever a 'meeting of the minds' between himself and the President is called for by his strategy."

The pamphlet said its contents, announcing the program for membership drives in congressional districts, "ought to dispel now for all time the falsehood, so carefully nurtured by the liberal press, that the John Birch Society is a secret or 'semi-secret' organization."

Members' Decision

However, John H. Rousselot, JBS national public relations director, told The Times that JBS policy still is "to leave it to the individual to name himself (as a Birch member) if he so desires."

The same policy, he declared, applies to disclosing

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how many JBS members there are.

Rousselot said the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People and the American Civil Liberties Union follow the same policy, "but this has never been pointed out." He stated:

"This has been an overdrawn issue. We're really no different than many other organizations. I think probably as time goes on the policy may change on the number of members."

The March bulletin, listing the "agenda for the month," included a spotlight on "the about movement to impeach Earl Warren," "The United Nations—Get US out!", the Liberty Amendment — which, among other things, would abolish the income tax — and the drive to "support your local police."

Mentioned in connection with the latter campaign was a statement by Donald Spina, director of police, Newark, N.J., that membership in JBS by policemen "does not conflict with police regulations" there.

Spina's statement was in reply to a request for financial aid in getting upon the porch of his office. He said the copper still would be of little use however, since it was punched full of holes as evidence by an

selves being members of the John Birch Society."

The bulletin contains a two-page reproduction of a statement by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, in the January issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, saying a drive to establish citizen review boards to hear complaints against police officers is a "questionable move and an ill-advised maneuver."

Inserted in the reproduction was a message "to all conservatives" from the Philadelphia Committee to Support Your Local Police, asking for financial aid in getting the copper still. He said the copper still would be of little use however, since it was punched full of holes as evidence by an.

learned that no FBI agents are known members of JBS and that, if one did join, it would cost him his job.

General FBI policy is to bar association of its employes with any organization that would tend to bring the bureau into disrepute, and the sources said JBS is considered such a group.

Confiscated Still

Stolen From Sheriff

BLOUNTVIEW, Tenn. (UPI)—Sheriff Kyle Weaver said that a confiscated 60-gal. still was stolen from his office.

ENCLOSURE 62-104401-45

March 26, 1965

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Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 22nd has been received, and the thought prompting you to write is appreciated.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. For your information, the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed are some publications which I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
"Our Heritage of Greatness"
U. S. News & World Report, 12-21-64
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
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Mr.J.Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr.Hoover;

Will you do me a favor and help me to clarify my thinking on a matter which is becoming more and more controversial? Tell me, please, is the John Birch Society a Communist oriented organization or is it, as Ezra Taft Benson's son said here in Eau Claire the other evening, a Right Wing, patriotic organization?

Answers to these questions and any other pertinent information on the Society you can give me will be sincerely appreciated.

Cordially,

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Eau Claire, Wis.54701

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Aberdeen, Maryland

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of March 17th, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, the conference to which you have referred was oral in its entirety and notes were taken by those reporters present. As a result, this Bureau does not have a full transcript of my remarks available for distribution.

You may be interested in knowing that information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I was not in a position to give these reporters any data concerning the John Birch Society. I did tell them that the FBI has not investigated this group and that I personally had little respect for its head. I said this because he had linked the names of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the late John Foster Dulles, and former CIA Director Allen Dulles with communism.

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Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest, along with a copy of my message to law enforcement officials for June, 1963, which sets forth my views regarding the accessibility of firearms.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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LEB Intro, June, 1963
"Heritage of Greatness"
LEB Intro, 4-1-61
Internal Security Statement, 4-17-62
Lets Fight Communism Sanely?

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Aberdeen, Maryland

March 17, 1965

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department Of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed is an article which discribes an interview with yourself andsome reporters. I am very much concerned over your statement that you have no respect for Mr. Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society. If the claim is true I would like to know why you feel that way. If you were misquoted please inform me of your real opinion of Mr. Robert Welch.

Also enlighten me on your opinion of the type restrictions you would advocate on the sale of firearms if you don't mind.

This article was brought to my attention by a person whom I am attempting to recruit into the John Birch Society and I would like to set the record straight if its needed.

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Section Leader
John Birch Society

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Warren Commission Views On FBI Rapped By Hoover

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juvenile record if the New York courts had not kept it secret.

Hoover said he included justices of the Supreme Court in the "bleeding-hearts" class for ruling that a prisoner must be arraigned within 24 hours after arrest and cannot be hedl for days on suspicion of crime.

Refers To D.C. Crime

Hoover also bestowed the "bleeding-heart" tag on judges who he said are to blame for the "disgrace" of urban crime.

"You can't safel6 walk the streets of Washington, D.C., even in the daylight," Hoover said.

And, in New York city's Central Park, Hoover said, "no one dares walk there even in the daytime, and there are hold-ups on Fifth avenue at 9.30 or 10 at night."

Hoover emphasized again and again that it is not his agency's business to guard anyone.

He said this includes the President of the United States and those "who go down to reform the South."

Denies Any Jealousy

Hoover said there is "not a scintilla" of jealously between the FBI and the Secret Service, which is charged by law with protecting the President.

"The Secret Service," Hoover added, "is hopelessly ill equipped and undermanned to do the job it is expected to do, but I have enough headaches of my own."

In New York city alone, he said, 7,000 persons would have to be taken out of circulation every time the President made a public appearance there if it were deemed necessary to remove "every individual who might threaten the safety of the President."

Other Observations

Hoover made these other observations:

1. Lie detectors: "I have always taken the position that there is no such thing as a lie detector. It has to be operated by a human being. Whenever a human being reaches conclusions, he is apt to make an error."

2. Gun carrying: "Sales of weapons should be restricted. There are licenses for automobiles and dogs; why not guns?"

3. John Birch Society: "We have never investigated the so- [illegible] I have no respect for the head of the society, Robert Welch."

4. Minutemen: "We are looking into the activities of the Minutemen. There is nothing more like the Ku Klux Klan and we have done a job on them (the Ku Klux Klan)."

The FBI director said his agency is watching the activities of the Black Muslims. And of George Lincoln Rockwell, head of the American Nazi party, Hoover said:

"He is bigoted and biased, and I wouldn't pay much attention to anything he said."

An FBI spokesman said the interview was held with the women reporters at their request. He said they had had similar chats with other Government officials and indicated the session with Hoover would be along those lines. Hoover then set this morning for the interview.

FBI Head Since 1924

Hoover, 69, and head of the FBI since 1924, has been told by President Johnson his tenure will be extended "for as long as I am in the White House."

This is the second time Hoover's comments on the Warren Commission have stirred controversy.

Shortly after the commission's report was made public September 27, the Washington *Evening Star* published a copyrighted partial transcript of the FBI director's testimony, some of which was critical of the State Department.

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March 26, 1965

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Glendale, Arizona

Dear [redacted]

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I received your letter of March 22nd, with enclosure, and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit such approbation.

With respect to your inquiry, the conference to which you have referred was oral in its entirety and notes were taken by those reporters present. Therefore, I regret this Bureau is not in a position to furnish you a full account of my remarks made at that time. You may be interested in knowing that information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Further, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-1-61 LEB Introduction
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Our Heritage of Greatness

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Her enclosure was a copy of a letter sent by the Justice Department to an apparent friend or associate of the correspondent in which the Department expressed why the John Birch Society is not on the subversive list and made brief reference to Mr. Hoover's remarks at the press conference on 11-18-64.

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Glendale, Arizona
March 22, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter from the U. S. Department of Justice regarding an inquiry concerning the John Birch Society. In the last paragraph of this letter reference is made to a comment of yours at a press conference in Washington on November 18, 1964 and also to a statement to the effect that you "have no respect for Mr. Robert Welch, the head of the Society".

The John Birch Society is a strong supporter of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and often uses your statements regarding the dangers of Communism in its efforts to educate the American people on this subject. I have yet to read anything written by Mr. Robert Welch that is in any way derogatory to the FBI or yourself, or even critical of you or your organization.

Therefore, you will readily understand how puzzling this is to many of us, especially our young people. I sincerely trust that you will not think this letter is presumptuous when I respectfully ask, "Why have you no respect for Mr. Robert Welch?"

Thank you for your great service to our nation. May you continue in this position for many years since so much depends upon men of strength and courage.

Very truly yours,

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

Address Reply to the
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and Refer to Initials and Number

February 19 1965

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Glendale, Arizona

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 5, 1965 to the President concerning the Ku Klux Klan and the John Birch Society has been referred to this Department for consideration and reply.

The only authority under which the Attorney General may designate organizations is Executive Order No. 10450, relating to the Federal employee security program. Membership in or affiliation with a designated organization is one factor to be considered by the departments and agencies of the Federal Government in connection with the employment or retention in employment of individuals in Federal service. The Ku Klux Klan has been so designated. Apart from this Executive Order we have no authority to characterize or evaluate organizations.

The wide public coverage which has been given to the John Birch Society during the past several years indicates that while it has been highly critical and even slanderous of many government officials and in strong disagreement with several governmental policies, it does not seek to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means, but rather it favors our constitutional form of government. Neither does the organization advocate or approve the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States. There has been no information indicating that it is dominated, financed or controlled by a foreign power or foreign political party or even subject to any foreign influence.

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Regarding the Blue Book, American Opinion and other publications of Mr. Welch and the Society, the First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees to everyone the right to speak and put in print his views on a subject even though critical of our form of government or of our public officials. It grants to each person the right to associate and meet with persons of his own choosing. Despite the reprehensible nature of some publications, unless there is evidence of violation of a specific Federal statute, there is no action the Federal Government through the Department of Justice can take.

On the basis of the information which has thus far come to the Department's attention, there would appear to be no factual or legal grounds upon which the John Birch Society could be designated by the Attorney General under Executive Order No. 10450 even though we may have strong disagreement with its views.

In this connection, you may be interested to know that at a press conference at his office in Washington on November 18, 1964, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was reported by the press to have stated, "We have never investigated the Society. Our investigations are limited to subversive activities." Mr. Hoover was also reported to have commented that he had no respect for Mr. Robert Welch, the head of the Society.

Sincerely,

J. WALTER YEAGLEY
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

By: Francis X. Worthington

FRANCIS X. WORTHINGTON
Chief, Civil Section

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62-104401-2463

March 29, 1965

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Palmdale, California

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of March 22nd and want to thank you for your kind sentiments and generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your observations, it has been my long-standing policy not to comment publicly on the internal operations of this Bureau. Therefore, I trust you will understand why this Bureau has not released a statement such as you indicated.

For your information, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Further, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, you should not use our position in this matter for inferring either that we do or do not approve the John Birch Society. The FBI has not investigated this group.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

TRUE COPY

Palmdale, Calif
March 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I read with much concern that if a member of the F. B. I. were to join the John Birch Society he would immediately have to resign from the F. B. I. I find this hard to believe.

I only hope this is our slanted news as usual reporting these facts. However, it certainly puts "the John Birch Society" in even a worse light if that is possible.

God Bless You, Mr Hoover, You have and are doing such a wonderful job.

Sincerely

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Palmdale, Calif

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

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REC-34

March 22, 1965

Honorable Milton R. Young
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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My dear Senator:

I received your letter of March 16th enclosing a copy of an article which appeared in "The Fargo Forum" for March 16th.

With respect to your inquiry, neither I nor any member of our staff has made statements in relation to the John Birch Society as indicated in this article. As you may know, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Further, data appearing in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why this Bureau has not released such specific statements.

In 1947, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, I included the sentence concerning Americans possessing zeal; however, this was made in connection with a general warning and was not made in support of any specific group.

You may be interested in knowing the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: We have had cordial relations with Senator Young. Mr. Benson is on the Special Correspondents' List and we have enjoyed cordial relations with "The Fargo Forum" and its editor is on the Special Correspondents' List. The attached statement of Mr. Hoover in 1947 has been circulated widely by supporters of the John Birch Society.

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March 18, 1965

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VIA SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Room 5633
Constitution Avenue between 9th and 10th
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a photostatic copy of an article appearing in THE FARGO FORUM of Fargo, North Dakota, under date of Tuesday, March 16.

You will note this story quotes Reed Benson, an official of the John Birch Society, as saying:

> ".....the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency have both said that the society is the only organization that is strictly anti-communist and the enemies its members make are those contrary to Americanism and the friends they make are those who believe in Americanism."

I wish you would advise me if Mr. Benson is quoting you correctly in this and other parts of the news story. It would be appreciated if you would send me any statements that you may have made with reference to the John Birch Society from which Mr. Reed Benson may be quoting.

Sincerely yours,

MILTON R. YOUNG

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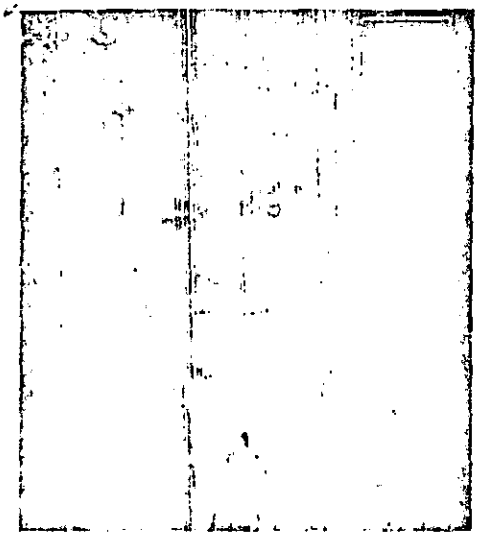

J. EDGAR HOOVER, *Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation*

"I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence, and the industry to learn about the menace of Red fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who have been hoodwinked and duped into joining with the Communists."

Statement before Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, March 26, 1947

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ENCLOSURE

Son of Ezra Taft Benson

John Birch Coordinator Gives Three Reasons Why He Joined

BISMARCK, N. D. (Special)—Reed Benson, 37, oldest son of former U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson and Utah and southern Idaho coordinator for the John Birch Society, told why he joined the society at a public meeting here Monday evening.

Benson spoke to a packed Patterson Hotel Convention Hall crowd estimated at over 300 persons, both men and women, and representing every major city in North Dakota. Many prominent businessmen were among those present.

Benson said he joined the John Birch Society in 1962 with the blessings of his father, who he quoted as saying "When Reed joined (the society) I expressed my opinion that I was convinced that the John Birch Society was the most important and effective non-church organization in our fight against creeping socialism and Godless communism."

The younger Benson, an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) stated his reasons for joining the society as threefold, first because of the friends the organization gathers, second because of the enemies the group makes and thirdly because of their program and their structure.

Enlarging on his three reasons for joining, Benson told his audience that in regard to his first reason the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency have both said that the society is the only organization that is strictly anti-communist and the enemies its members make are those contrary to Americanism and the friends they make are those who believe in Americanism.

On reason number two he said that the enemies of the society have openly stated that the group is the most aggressive organization opposed to Communism and is more so than any other organization in the United States.

On his third point Benson stated that J. Edgar Hoover has said the society is one of the best groups fighting Communism in our country and on that basis no group can even compare with the society in the violence of Red attacks on them, and that the Birch group believes in legal and moral means to save our constitutional republic.

Benson said that a good part of the Birch Society program is basically working for our government and for more individual responsibilities and a better world.

He again cited words of FBI Director Hoover who has said "I would have no fears if more Americans posessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistance and the industry to learn about this menace of Red Facism," in speaking of the Birch Society.

One group of women present at the early evening session indicated that they thought that it would be best for the society to strive to correct the opinion of many people that is currently opposed to the society, emphasizing that the organization is in accord with everything that is American but strongly against any outside influences.

Another group of those present suggested that the society bring up the 'giveaway' program to Communist countries, particularly in regard to Indonesia and one woman commented, in regard to the Viet Nam conflict, "I wish we could get this thing cleared up and use our resources to stop it!"

Benson's Bismarck appearance was sponsored by the Central North Dakota Chapter of the John Birch Society.

Birch Official Says Reds Have Joined Rights Movement

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP)—The Negro civil rights movement is infiltrated by Communists, an official of the John Birch Society declared here Monday.

Reed Benson, national coordinator of the society, told a news conference that Communists have joined the civil rights movement to divide the nation and create disrespect for law and order.

Benson, son of former Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson, said he did not think the Rev. Martin Luther King is a Communist. But he asserted known Reds are among advisers to the Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Asked to comment on recent violence in Alabama, Benson said he is cautious about making any judgments because news reports often are biased.

He said reporters usually concentrate on police trying to stop disorders but ignore provocations that caused the disorder in the first place.

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Benson asserted the Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson administrations all have been guilty of treason by sending aid to Communist countries.

He claimed the John Birch Society is growing rapidly, because "we are getting to be known for what we are, rather than for what our enemies say we are."

Aims of the society, said Benson, are to reduce powers of the federal government, encourage moral responsibility and help create a better world.

Benson said his group operates in two ways, by education and by action.

"Action without education breeds fanaticism, and education without action leads to frustration," he said.

Benson is on a tour of North Dakota and South Dakota. He is scheduled for an appearance Friday in Minneapolis.

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March 31, 1965

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Chamberlain, South Dakota

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 26th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. You may wish to know that this Bureau has never investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Chamberlain, S. Dak.
March 26, 1965

Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sirs,

Will you please tell me the opinion of the F.B.I. in regard to the John Birch Society and it's activities. I will appreciate it very much.

Sincerely

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Chamberlain, S. Dak.

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Langdale, Alabama

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of March 25th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the John Birch Society; however, I want to inform you that it has not been investigated by this Bureau.

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The US Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy
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Faith in God -- Our Answer to Communism

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Langdale, Alabama
March 25, 1965

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the F.B.I.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have been concern with the organization of the John Birch Society. I would like to know if this organization has any connection with the Communist Party or any other organizations that oppose the United States' government? Please send me any information that would aid me on the history and beliefs of this organization.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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CORRESPONDENCE

REC-42 62-104401-2467

April 2, 1965

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Blandinsville, Illinois

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 29th has been received.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment as you desire. In this regard, you may want to know that this Bureau has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Thank-You.

Sincerely Yours,

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Blandinsville, Ill.

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62-104401-2468

April 2, 1965

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[redacted]

Newport News, Virginia

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 28th has been received, and the information you furnished will be made a matter of record in our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - New York - Enclosure
1 - Norfolk - Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bureau files.

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March 28, 1965

The Worker
Box 28 Madison Square Station
New York 10, New York

Dear Sirs:

For the enclosed money order in the amount of (seven Dollars)($7.00) please send to the address below, a one year subscription of The Worker

[redacted]
Newport News, Va.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
Wash. D. C.

Dear Sir:

The above is an exact copy of a letter sent to The Worker. I am a member of The John Birch Society and need the views of the C. P. U.S.A. if I am to be effective against Communism.

CC to F.B.I. office, Norfolk, Va.
and postmaster, Newport News, Va.

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Newport News, Va.

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and postmaster, Newport News, Va.

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Newport News, Va.

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Date: 4/2/65

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached are 8 copies of a LHM setting forth information concerning the captioned matter.

Information from Lieutenant [redacted] was obtained by SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR.

The source mentioned is [redacted] Huntington, NY, whose identity was concealed at her request.

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This is being furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
April 2, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York 100-144597

John Birch Society
Suffolk County, New York

On April 1, 1965, Lieutenant [redacted] Commanding Officer, Criminal Intelligence Squad, Suffolk County Police Department, advised that on March 29, 1965, the John Birch Society held its first rally in Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, at the Thatched Cottage Restaurant.

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There were approximately 400 persons in attendance who paid $1.50 each in admission. Among the speakers was Scott Stanley, Jr., Managing Editor of the Birch monthly magazine "American Opinion", and Gregory Bittner, the Society's local coordinator.

Lieutenant [redacted] advised that Stanley's speech was titled "Red Heads of State", and spoke of the "International Communist conspiracy" that had engulfed Cuba, Venezuela, Algeria, Bolivia and Indonesia since World War II and said that not one of these takeovers would have been possible "without the direct or indirect aid of the United States State Department". He ended his speech by urging all his listeners "to go out and become right-wing extremists". He said a loyal and moral American can be nothing else.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 1, 1965, that Gregory Bittner, who is the coordinator of the John Birch Society in the Huntington Township area of Suffolk County, is the owner of the Thatched Cottage Restaurant.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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EX-103

April 2, 1965

[redacted]
Brooklyn 30, New York

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of March 27th, and I want to thank you for your congratulations on the investigation conducted by this Bureau in connection with the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. For your information, the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)
"Our Heritage of Greatness"
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-61 LEB Introduction

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March 27, 1965

To the Director of the F.B.I J. Edgar Hoover;

Dear Sir,

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I would appreciate very much a reply

Yours very truly

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Brooklyn 30, N.Y.

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EX-103

April 6, 1965

[redacted]

Bridgeport, Pennsylvania

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 31st, with enclosure, was received in Mr. Hoover's absence. I know he would want me to thank you for sending him this material. You may be certain that your communication will be brought to his attention upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

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Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

NOTE: Correspondent was sent the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin on 3-23-65 as a result of a direct request. He was not identifiable in Bufiles at that time. Due to the controversial nature of his letter and the fact that he has called our attention to matters which may be associated with the John Birch Society, he is simply being thanked for bringing this material to our attention, over Miss Gandy's signature. The enclosure is entitled "You Can Help Defeat Communism" and is a series of films which are anticommunist in nature and are scheduled to be shown in a private home.

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March 31, 1965

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Bridgeport, Pa.

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Dear Sir:

I received this crazy invitation. I don't know what's behind it. It sounds to me like a Birch Society letter. I have never sought membership or information. You see I am fairly active civicly and politicaly. I don't know what's going on, but it is my understanding that some Birch material was passed in our area. Just thought I would let you know in case you would be interested in this type of information

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March 31, 1965

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Bridgeport, Pa.

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YOU CAN HELP DEFEAT COMMUNISM

Are you concerned about the Communist conspiracy in the United States and how it is following the pattern preceding the take-over of countries in Europe and Asia? Knowledge of this "master plan" of the Soviets is vital to our survival. Don't be "apathetic"! Your God and your Constitution need your support.

Will you put aside social events for five Fridays and attend these film showings? Experts who can answer all questions will conduct the sessions. Please feel free to bring any friends or acquaintances. These are not political meetings, but a means of education for patriotic Americans to help save our country.

Since the sessions are conducted at our home, attendance must, of necessity, be somewhat limited.

Following is the film schedule, to begin at 8 P. M. each evening:

Friday, February 26 - "Communist Encirclement"
" March 5 - "Operation Abolition"(student riots California,1961)
" March 12 - "Blueprint for Conquest", "My Latvia"
" March 19 - "Katanga" (UN troop massacres)
" March 26 - "Bella Dodd Report" (subversion in the schools).

There is no obligation. Please telephone [redacted] for reservations. b6 b7C

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[redacted]
King of Prussia, Pa.

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REC- 44

62-104401-243

April 6, 1965

[redacted]

Clarksville, Indiana

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of March 28th was referred to me by the Department of State.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential according to regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the questions you asked. You may be interested in knowing, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the John Birch Society.

I am enclosing some material I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Time for Decision
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Internal Security 4-17-62
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
Counterintelligence Activities
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March 28, 1965
Clarksville, Indiana

Dear Sirs:

I was shocked this week when my wife told me that our family doctor had extended an invitation to us to a John Birch Society meeting 4-1-65 at another doctor's residence in the next sub-division.

I need to know how our Government feels about this group, officially. I'm not informed enough to tell the man why, exactly, that I'm not interested except I've always heard labels such as extremist, rightist etc;. I do remember a bill-board advocating the impeachment of Earl Warren that was sponsored by The John Birch Society.

This man is [redacted] goes to lectures and meetings all around the state. [redacted] tells [redacted] there's an active group in New Alteny, Md.

My first thought was to attend the meeting to see who else was affiliated but then realized that other people might have the same idea.

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I talked to F.B.I. in Louisville and they referred me to you for complete information.

Please rush this info to me.

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Respectfully,

62-104401-2473

/s/ [redacted]

Clarksville, Indiana

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March 28, 1965
Clarksville, Indiana

Referred to .....
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
The writer has not been contacted.

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[redacted]
Clarksville, Indiana

Respectfully
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April 6, 1965

[redacted]

Wentzville, Missouri 63385

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 31st has been received.

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I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
"Time for Decision"
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
The FBI--Guardian of Civil Rights

NOTE: Bufiles reflect nothing derogatory regarding captioned individual, and the only previous outgoing was in 1955 when she praised the Director for his stand against sex crimes.

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March 31st 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing you to ask, if you know what the negro leader in Alabama, Dr. Martin Luther King is. Is he a Communist? From what I read he once belonged to a Communistic organization, here in the States. I presume, whose sole aim is to overthrow our republican form of government. Sometime back I saw a picture in the newspapers of him in jail. He was talking through the jail bars to a group of negro men outside and the Birch Society. What is it. Is it good organization or not. From what I read some of its members were Klu Klux Klansmen. They say they are against communism, but what else are they against? And the Manion Forum of South Bend, Indiana headed by Clarence E. Manion of Notre Dame College. I heard he is a John Birch Society member. He broadcasts over hundreds of stations. Once or twice a year I receive a letter from him asking a donation of twenty-five dollars to keep his program on the air.

As head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation I feel you would know more about these three and would tell me as I like to know the truth about these. I do not want to help any organization that is against us.

So I would greatly appreciate it, if you replied to this letter as I know Communists in this country form organizations in this country and give them patriotic names to fool U.S. citizens into joining them.

sincerely I am

[redacted] Wentzville
[redacted] Missouri 63385

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April 8, 1965

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Little Neck 62, New York

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 4th has been received, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind remarks.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the John Birch Society other than to advise you that this organization has not been investigated by the FBI.

I am enclosing material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Time For Decision
Communism--The Incredible Swindle
Shall It Be Law or Tyranny?
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

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Little Neck 62, New York
April 4, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I have become aware of the grave and imminent danger of Communism within this country. I am in my [redacted] year at the Mary Louis Academy in Jamaica, New York, and I am sincerely interested in doing something to combat Communism. Last week I attended a presentation meeting of the John Birch Society, but I am not convinced that this is the best way to fight it. I have great respect for you and confidence in your judgments, and I would be very grateful for your opinion of the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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62-104401-2476

April 7, 1965

[redacted]

Vista, California

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 1st has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the organization about which you inquired other than to inform you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Communism--The Incredible Swindle
Internal Security Statement 4-17-62
Communism---Slavery of Mind and Spirit
Spies Don't Look Like Spies
The U.S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.
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Will look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Sincerely yours

[redacted]
Vista, California

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CORRESPONDENCE

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[redacted]

March 30, 1965

[redacted]

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Sir:

I am asking your office to read the enclosed material and give me your views. I'm sure you can get some idea of what the matter is all about.

For sometime now the John Birch Society through the Anti-Communist Book Store here has been active in "The Support Your Local Police" Campaign. John Birch Society Bullitin July, 1965. The support your Local Police material was circulated at a public meeting here not only ago.

This seems to me to be a Right Wing Move to discupt the police Dept. I think it as serious and needs looking into.

Very Truly Yours,

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Mount Morris, Michigan

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 1st has been received, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your complimentary remarks and kind sentiments.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment along the lines of your inquiry.

It is always reassuring to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the evils of communism and who desire to combat this threat to our freedoms. It has always been my belief that it is through a thorough understanding of the evil philosophy of communism that one can best protect our Nation from this menace.

I am enclosing some material on the general topic of communism which I hope you will find of interest. You may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study

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of Communism." The former was written with the hope that it would help readers gain an insight into the true nature of the communist conspiracy in this country. The latter contains an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. These books may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
Counterintelligence Activities
The U.S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy
Time For Decision 11/24/64
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Internal Security Statement 4/17/62

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Dear Mr Hoover

You dont know me and I unfortunately don't know you.

But I am an American citizen and thank God for it continually.

You are the only man in our nations capitol whom I trust.

At one time shortly after the war I belonged to Technocracy Inc. Since then and down through the years I have read Un American activities reports and a few books one called none dare call it Treason. Which you are in all probability familiar with.

I stopped at our field office (F. B. I.) in Flint to find out if and what I as a citizen could do. I asked such questions as would I be in trouble by joining the John Birch society.

The agent in charge must have strict orders on giving out any information becuase he only told me that joining them (J. B. S.) wouldnt cause me any trouble from the F. B. I.. He probably thought of me as being a crackpot and maybe I am. I know Im confused.

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Please answer this letter and let me know if the F. B. I. endorces any outfit which I could join to help fight the commies.

Any answer you send make sure no politician could use to get you in trouble. As far as I know the Un American activities committee and the F. B. I. are the only people even attempting to stop them I sure hate to think what could happen if they could get you fired. I believe a few year ago if you had been given a free hand here at home and MCArthur a free hand in Korea those commies would have ended up on the short end. I sincerely believe you are a true patriot I for one am for you 100% May the good Lord bless and keep you strong.

Respectfully

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[redacted]
Marfa, Texas 79843

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 4th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the organization about which you inquired, other than to advise that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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April 4, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of United States Government
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am a [redacted] at Marfa High School in Marfa, Texas, and am writing a term paper on the origin and growth of the John Birch Society.

I would truly appreciate it if you would send me any information you might have available on this subject as soon as possible.

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Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

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Wadsworth, Ohio 44281

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 3rd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Wadsworth, Ohio
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J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Wash. 25 D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover, -

I have received a letter from the John Birch Society of Akron claiming to be an american society and against Communism and are fighting it would you advise me concerning them? I have been told they are communistic themselves. Would I be doing wrong by joining them in their work?

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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Wadsworth, Ohio 44281

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April 9, 1965

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Patchogue, New York

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 6th has been received, and the thought prompting you to write is appreciated.

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With respect to your inquiry regarding the John Birch Society, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you in this instance but trust you will understand the reasons for this policy. You may be interested to know that this Bureau has not investigated this organization and I am not in a position to comment in any manner along the lines you have suggested.

Enclosed is some material which I trust you will find of interest. I am returning your self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (6)
Our Heritage of Greatness
Communism the Incredible Swindle
Faith in God Our Answer to Communism
Let's fight Communism Sanely!
U. S. News & World Report 12-21-64
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Patchogue, New York

Patchogue, New York
April 6, 1965

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been approached by a member of the John Birch Society who is seeking to recruit me as a member of that organization. I would appreciate any information you can give me concerning that organization and any personal comment you might wish to make.

As an American deeply concerned with the future of our nation, I want to do all I can to preserve it. However, I also want to do the right thing for all our citizens.

It is for this reason that I am addressing this request to you as well as other leading men of our government representing both sides of our political spectrum.

I am aware, of course, that you cannot endorse any organization but any advice you can give me would be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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A stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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April 9, 1965

[redacted]
Denver, Colorado 80215

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 5th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Further, this Bureau does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

This Bureau does not have a list such as you mentioned available for distribution. I am, however, sending you a copy of the list of organizations which have been cited as subversive by the Department of Justice pursuant to Executive Order 10450, along with other material I trust will be of interest.

You may also be interested in securing a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This booklet lists groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and this can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402, for seventy cents.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Our Heritage of Greatness, 12-12-64
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Denver, 80215,
Colorado.

The Director,
F. B. I.
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I would like to know if your Bureau has ever had reason to investigate the John Birch Society, and the results of such investigation if any. I would also like to have a list of the subversive organizations as compiled by the F.B.I. which act as fronts for the communist conspiracy, and also a list of such other organizations as may be regarded as Un-American by the F.B.I.

I would very much like to know if membership in the John ~~Birch~~ Society

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Yours Sincerely,

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